



Welcome to the Fourteenth edition of the Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership's Newsletter.

The local safeguarding adults board is a multi-agency statutory partnership with responsibility for monitoring the effectiveness of the arrangements to safeguard adults at risk of abuse. Click on our logo above for more info.

News from Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership

New Safeguarding Adults online courses to March 2022

New dates for our training courses can be accessed using the links below.

NEW! Roles and Responsibilities for Providers Training dates

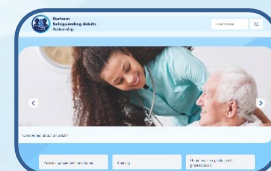


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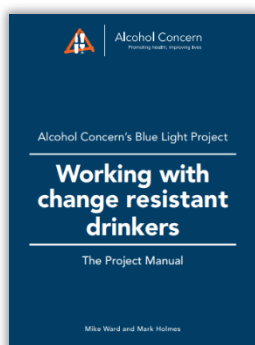
Hold the date: Safeguarding Week 15 to 19 November 2021

Some of our resources from Safeguarding Week 2020

[Durham SAB Briefing on Cuckooing](#)
[Easy read safeguarding resources](#)



How to use legal powers to safeguard highly vulnerable dependent drinkers



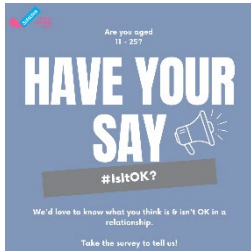
Alcohol Change UK has published a safeguarding guide to help practitioners improve the well-being and safety of adults who are highly vulnerable, chronic, dependent drinkers. The guide brings together relevant legislation and suggests when it may be used. Myth busting is included, especially that such self neglect is not a lifestyle choice, and when to explore if the person has capacity. The guide builds on the Blue Light practitioner manual which describes motivational and harm reduction interventions.



Alcohol Change- How to use legal powers to safeguard highly vulnerable dependent drinkers
The-Blue-Light-Manual.pdf

#IsItOk campaign and survey

As part of the SafeLives Verge of Harm[ing] project which is exploring how and why young people aged 11 to 25 begin to use harmful behaviours in their relationships, this #IsItOk campaign and survey asks you to share tweets and posts to reach as many young people as possible.



Link to the [#IsItOk? Safelives - Verge of Harm Survey](#)

Social Media Graphics:

[Graphics on Google Drive](#)

Sample tweets, posts and share text:

[Examples on Google Docs](#)



"Please note: we would like the recommendations made at the end of this project to be relevant to young people with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, which means we need your support to share the survey with young people from marginalised and minoritized groups who our work may sometimes remain 'hidden' from. If there is anything you feel our team could do to make the survey/project more accessible to these groups, please contact the project lead on bethan.taylor@safelives.com

Do you know what Smishing is?



Also known as impersonation scams, Smishing is the ability of a scammer to insert their fraudulent text into a genuine text message chain to you from, for example, HMRC, the NHS or your bank... Naturally you believe and trust the sender who asks for your details / money for the test/delivery etc.



[Why phone scams are so difficult to tackle - BBC News](#)

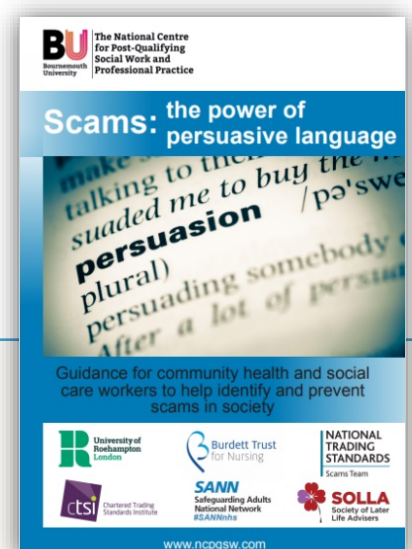
The language of scams



People who are isolated and alone in the community are often the people who are targeted by fraudsters and scammed out of what can be life-changing amounts. Sometimes people are ashamed and feel foolish which means they hesitate to report what has happened.

This guide is to help community, voluntary, health and social care workers better understand the power of fraudsters, the persuasive language they use, and the links with grooming. It can help in raising the issues with people who may be targeted.

[FINAL-Language-of-scams.pdf](#)
safeguardingworcestershireshire.org.uk



Doorstep crime could rise while mass marketing scams likely to continue

There are fears that doorstep crime may increase as people return to offices says the National Trading Standards in its annual [Consumer Harm Report](#). Opportunities for doorstep crime were restricted during the pandemic, with people working from home and increased community support such as befriending schemes.

It was also the case that fraudsters adapted during the pandemic with a rise of 76% in reported crime such as mass marketing scams and fake covid test, treatment and vaccine offers, as criminals moved online.

The National Trading Standards is calling on people to keep up community connections and look out for one another to protect people at risk from doorstep crime.

NATIONAL TRADING STANDARDS

Protecting Consumers
Safeguarding Businesses



Current and emerging threats related to doorstep crime:

- **Use of telephone calls, emails, leaflets and websites to make initial contact with victims.**

Deceptive marketing may make them appear local.

- **Use of fake 'approved trader' websites**, which list supposed 'official' approved businesses when in fact the approval scheme is non-existent and most traders listed appear to be connected to known doorstep crime offenders.

- **Repeat victimisation** of the most vulnerable.

- **Links with organised crime** including money laundering and modern slavery.

Other emerging threats identified in relation to mass marketing and other scams:

- **Mass marketing scams** including mail scams for fake lotteries, competitions, clairvoyancy services etc, digital and telephone scams.
- **Impersonation scams**, where scammers pretend to be from trusted organisations to defraud consumers.
- **Clone websites** which mirror seemingly legitimate businesses.
- **Investment scams** promising high returns.
- **Fair Trading issues** associated with the ongoing pandemic, such as businesses not adhering to legislation and restrictions, and price-gouging, where businesses heavily inflate prices for everyday goods and services to exploit increased demand.
- **The UK's departure from the European Union** is a major policy change that will continue to provide opportunities for scammers to target SMEs.
- **The government's response to climate change** will continue to be exploited, for example criminals posing as part of official 'green' home improvement schemes.



If you or someone you know has been targeted by a scam you should report it to Action Fraud online at www.actionfraud.police.uk/ or by calling **0300 123 2040**



For advice and information on how to check if something might be a scam, visit: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/



People can also protect their neighbours by joining [Friends Against Scams](#), which provides free online training to empower people to "take a stand against scams."

See article [Trading standards news - Doorstep Crime to rise as office return gathers pace](#)

The Disclosure and Barring Service

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) protects the public by helping employers make safer recruitment decisions, and by barring individuals who pose a risk to vulnerable groups from working in certain roles



Disclosure & Barring Service

Disclosure

If you want to work or volunteer in England, Wales, the Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey, you may be asked to apply for a DBS check. DBS checks are a vital safeguarding tool that help ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.

Levels of DBS check – a range of products to suit your needs

Basic

Unspent convictions and conditional cautions

Standard

Spent & unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands and warnings (subject to filtering)

Enhanced

Spent & unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands and warnings (subject to filtering)

Relevant police intelligence

Enhanced with barred list checks

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Children's and/or adults' barred list (optional)

The level of DBS check required depends on the role being undertaken and associated duties. Certain staff and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults may be engaging in 'regulated activity' so most staff will require an enhanced DBS check, with a check of the Barred List. More information about regulated activity can be found [here - DBS Guidance Leaflets](#).

As an employer deciding what level of check you can request, the following should be considered:



- Who does your organisation provide services for?
- What does the role involve?
- How often is the role performed?
- Is the role supervised?
- Where the role is performed?



DBS checks are an important stage in the pre-employment checking process when working with children or vulnerable adults but should not be the only safeguarding measure. It is important that employers have their own safer recruitment practices in place.



Once the check is complete, the individual will receive the DBS certificate. Along the way, the DBS may need to gather information from other organisations. This means some applications for DBS checks could take a bit of time.



More information about DBS' disclosure process can be found in this short video [Disclosure Process video](#). The video explains the process for a standard and enhanced DBS check, and what stages each check must go through, and briefly summarises the work we do at DBS.



The [DBS Update Service](#) is an online subscription that allows applicants to keep their DBS certificates up-to-date, and allows employers to check a certificate online. The service is for standard and enhanced DBS checks only. With an individual's consent, employers can check whether new information has come to light since the certificate was first issued.



DBS [Adult First](#) is a service available to organisations who can request a check of the DBS adults' barred list. Depending on the result, a person can be permitted to start work, under supervision, with vulnerable adults before a DBS certificate has been obtained.

Barring

DBS maintains two Barred Lists. These are lists of individuals that are 'barred' from working or volunteering with vulnerable adults and children in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

DBS also makes considered decisions about whether an individual should be included in one or both of these lists and barred from engaging in regulated activity with children and/or vulnerable adults, in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Regulated activity providers and personnel suppliers have a legal duty to make a barring referral when two main conditions are met:

One:

You withdraw permission for the individual to engage in regulated activity:

- Dismissed
- Redeployed
- Retired
- Redundant
- Resigned

Two:

You think the individual has either:

- engaged in [relevant conduct](#)
- [satisfied the 'harm test'](#)
- received a caution for, or been convicted of, a relevant offence

If the duty to refer is not met, you can still make a referral to DBS if you think it is appropriate, in the interests of safeguarding. DBS are required by law to consider all information sent to them, from any source, including information sent where the legal duty to refer does not apply. If you want to make a referral in this way, you should be mindful of relevant employment and data protection laws and may wish to seek legal advice in relation to these cases.



You can make a barring referral online, or using our paper referral form. More information about making referrals can be found [here - DBS Barring referral guidance](#).



There are certain things that can help improve the quality of a barring referral. For more information, our 'Making a Quality Referral' video and transcript can be found [here - How to make a good quality referral to DBS](#).

The impact of being barred from regulated activity is that you are added to the adults or children's Barred List. It is a criminal offence to work, seek work, or offer to work in regulated activity when barred, on the relevant list. It is also a criminal offence for a person to permit an individual to engage in regulated activity, if they know or have reason to believe that they are barred from doing so.

Regional Outreach

At DBS, we are transforming the way we work with our partners and are excited to announce development of the Regional Safeguarding Outreach team, whose purpose is to raise awareness of DBS services and products within the safeguarding community. More information on the role can be found here [The DBS Regional Outreach service - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Sue Davison Regional Outreach Adviser (North East)

As DBS Regional Outreach adviser for the North East my aim is to work closer with organisations in the region to raise DBS' profile and develop strong working relationships

I can provide a single point of contact, allowing me to support your safeguarding needs regarding what we do, and how we can work together to make recruitment safer.

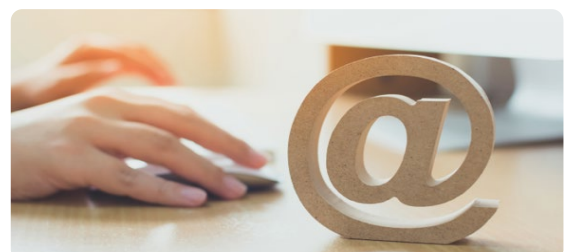
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Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA)

Respect



Children and adolescents causing harm towards parents and family members is a serious issue and evidence suggests it is increasing.



Did you know?

Recent research shows that about 20% of teenagers cause harm to their parents and about 10% seriously so.



In Durham, multi-agency partners from the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Executive Group (DASVEG), Durham's Domestic Abuse Partnership Board are working alongside RESPECT to implement the delivery of the Respect Young People's Programme (RYPP), develop a local definition of Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA) along with a screening tool and referral pathway to better support families experiencing CAPVA.



As part of this development work RESPECT are delivering **Awareness Raising Training; Ask and Act**. It is expected that all multi agency partners will participate in this training. **If the parent may have care and support needs, this is relevant for Safeguarding Adults**. It will support professionals who have contact with children, young people and families to increase their ability to recognise CAPVA, understand the dynamic involved and provide the confidence to approach the subject of CAPVA with families.

The Ask and Act training is an online blended training course, made up of self-directed learning via the Online Moodle Learning Platform plus a 3-hour live interactive session delivered via Microsoft Teams.

The dates for the 3-hour training sessions are listed below.

Tue 23 Nov	– 9:30-12:30
Wed 24 Nov	– 13:00-16:00
Thu 25 Nov	– 9:30-12:30
Fri 26 Nov	– 9:30-12:30
Tue 7 Dec	– 9:30-12:30
Wed 8 Dec	– 13:00-16:00
Tue 14 Dec	– 9:30-12:30
Tue 21 Dec	– 9:30-12:30
Wed 22 Dec	– 13:00-16:00



To book a place on one of the sessions, please

[Click for Booking system](#)

Please Note:

This course is free to agencies that are members of the Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership including the Voluntary and Charitable sector. For Private Organisations there is a charge of £30 per person per course.

A certificate of attendance is only then issued once the course, any pre-learning and the evaluation form has been completed and returned. Participants who do not attend or fulfil the requirements of the training course will be issued with a non-completion fee of £25.