

NEWSLETTER

Safeguarding Awareness Week 2021

We are excited to share our offer for Safeguarding Awareness Week 2021, which will run from **15-19 November**.

Please click here to view our offer and use the links in the flyer to book.

Message from the Chair



Welcome to the latest newsletter from the SSCP/SSAB. As usual, the information included in this edition highlights current issues for Safeguarding Children and Adults from a local and national perspective. We take a look at the approaches to extra-familial harm and topically, the issue of violence against women and girls, as well as some key training opportunities. Additionally, next week is Safeguarding Awareness Week, which is a time for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues—there will

be a range of lunchtime events in Southwark that you will be able to access.

It has been a busy quarter with outstanding contributions from partners across all of our priority areas, a fantastic response to our S11 audit and SAPAT (Safeguarding Adult Partnership Audit Tool), developments in our approach to learning and a review of governance and structures. As the nights start to draw in and the festive period commences, we can reflect back at the phenomenal efforts of partners in terms of Covid recovery plans, vaccination roll outs, healthcare provision, education provision and the range of services that have come together to support the communities of Southwark.

Moving forward, in 2022 we will be bringing you updates on the structures and work of the SSCP/SSAB. We are very keen to communicate will all of you who play a role in keeping children and adults safe and we are looking at ways of bringing your voices into our work, testing the impact of what we do, and sharing learning in ways that are easily accessible.

We hope that you are able to spend well-deserved time with loved ones this Christmas and thank you for your ongoing contributions to the work of the partnership.

Anna.

Extra-Familial Harm and Missing Team

Children and young people vulnerable to, and experiencing all forms of extra-familial harm and exploitation are victims, in need of a whole system response to support and protection. A new Extra-Familial Harm (EFH) and Missing Team has been established and is already working with many social workers and lead professionals to support children and young people at risk of exploitation and any child who goes missing from home or care. The Team can support in assessment and planning, and provide guidance through referring to the Extra-Familial Harm Panel.

For more information, please contact: EFH & Missing Children Team Manager: koren.wallis@southwark.gov.uk, or Adolescent Safeguarding Service Manager: ahmed.osman@southwark.gov.uk

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls and 16 Days of Action

The global 16 days of action campaign has been in place since 1991 and runs from the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November until the international Human Rights Day on 10 December.

Southwark Programme of Events

Officers from the Community Safety and Partnerships Service are working with internal and external partners to mark this important day and the 16 days of action that follow. The full programme of activities is still being finalised, but will include:

Multi-Agency Training

Adolescents at Risk (virtual course) 11 Nov

Emotional Abuse & Neglect (2 day 21 Oct & course) 3 Nov

Working with Challenging and Hard to 23 Nov Help Families (virtual course)

County Lines (e-learning)

Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness (e-learning)

Drug & Alcohol Awareness (e-learning)

- Sex working & multiple disadvantage lunchtime learning session led by Fulfilling Lives
- Male allies—half day workshop (2 sessions available) led by Solace Women's Aid

Safe Spaces—introduction to initiative. Lunchtime learning session led by council officers.

• Empowering communities conference; Tackling Male Violence against Women and Girls—Monday 6th December. To raise awareness of VAWG, discuss the results of the women's safety consultation, and highlight work in the borough to tackle VAWG.

