

Walsall Safeguarding Partnership Safeguarding Spotlight

15 March 2024



WSP Priorities 2023 - 2025:

- Child Neglect
- Child Sexual Abuse
- All-Age Exploitation
- Self-Neglect and Hoarding





Self-Neglect and Hoarding

"A wide range of behaviour neglecting to care for one's personal hygiene, health or surroundings and includes behaviour such as hoarding". Care Act (2014) statutory guidance (updated 2023)

This strategy is designed for all agencies, to support best practice in working together with someone who may be self-neglecting and / or hoarding. It describes how agencies and practitioners should be working together to offer support and find solutions to identified needs.

All partners are encouraged to <u>download the strategy</u> and cascade within their organisations.

Self-neglect covers a wide range of behaviour which in general means someone is not caring for their own personal hygiene, health, safety or surroundings. It can also include hoarding behaviour, although not always. Hoarding can involve specific things, very general items, or animals - even data can be hoarded!

The reasons for self-neglect are often complicated, although sometimes there may be a simpler reason for a change in circumstance. Someone who develops dementia, for example, may forget how to do certain household tasks, or someone with a new disability may not be able to maintain their personal hygiene in the same way as they had before.

Self-neglect will not often be taken forward as a s42 (safeguarding adults) enquiry - however supporting someone who self-neglects or hoards will usually need agencies to work together closely, in line with safeguarding adult processes.

Chronic self-neglect and/or hoarding is likely to have developed over many years, and it may be considered a safeguarding concern at the point:

- where the person with care and support needs can no longer control their behaviour, so they cannot protect themselves;
- where there is a defined high risk of harm to the individual;
- or the physical / environmental risk to others is significant.



See <u>Self-Neglect at a Glance</u>

Further information and documentation can be found on the WSP Self-Neglect webpages



Walsall Adult Safeguarding Partnership

Self-Neglect & Hoarding: Strategy, Pathway & Toolkit

Persons in Position of Trust (PiPoT)

What is a PiPoT?

Anyone can be in a 'position of trust': The Care Act (2014) defines People in Positions of Trust (PiPoT) as: "people who work in paid or unpaid capacity, including celebrities and people undertaking charitable duties with adults with care and support needs" see the Care and Support Statutory Guidance paragraphs 14.120 to 14.132.

Who is in a Position of Trust?

People are likely to have contact with adults with care and support needs as part of their employment or voluntary work, or as informal carers in their personal lives:

Where the role carries an expectation of trust Where the person in trust can exercise authority, power or control over an adult A person in a position of trust can be either a paid or unpaid, including family carers when working with, or supporting adults with care and support needs



When should I refer to Walsall Council?

Walsall Council's Adult Safeguarding Hub provide a dedicated PIPOT referral and advice service where organisations should inform of any concerns or allegations against staff involved with an adult with care and support needs, and where there is a risk due to abuse or neglect, or where the PiPoT's behaviour or actions may cause risk / harm to adult(s) with care and support needs where the adult is resident in Walsall.

For PiPoT who meet the criteria, please complete the PiPoT Referral Form (download from WSP PiPoT webpage) and email it to PIPOT@walsall.gov.uk

Please do not email individual officers and managers the referral form.

For more information about PIPOT please read the <u>West Midlands Adult Position</u> <u>of Trust Framework</u> found on the regional pages.



Child Safeguarding Review Panel

Annual Report 2022 - 2023 : Patterns in practice, key messages and 2023/24 work programme

This is the fourth <u>annual report</u> from the independent Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.

It looks at the child safeguarding system, based on serious child safeguarding incidents occurring between January 2022 and March 2023. It sets out patterns in practice for national government and local safeguarding partners to better protect vulnerable children.

Notable findings

- 393 SINs and RRs submitted between April 2022-March 2023
- ✤ 2 fifths related to deaths
- ✤ 3 fifths related to serious harm
- 3 quarters of cases the family was known to Children's Social care either as an open case or due to previous involvement
- 1 third of children were on a CP plan or had been previously
- Nearly 1 fifth of children were 'Looked After' at the time of the incident or previously
- ✤ 36% of cases related to infants under 1 year
- ✤ 21% related to 11-15 year olds
- In comparison to the 2021 census figures for 0 to 17-year-olds, children from mixed/multiple ethnic groups and

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British ethnicities were overrepresented in the rapid reviews. Conversely, children from Asian/Asian British ethnicities or other ethnic groups were underrepresented in the rapid reviews



Striking findings

- Over 50% of cases children had experienced neglect prior to the incident- 53% of those that died and 52% of those suffering serious harm
- ✤ 64% enrolled at a mainstream school and 18% at a SEN establishment or AP
- ✤ Of those enrolled in mainstream school 29% had regular absences and 2% were excluded
- ✤ 72 of the cohort were aged 16 and 17 years and 31% (22)were recorded as not being in education. 55% had a victim/ perpetrator overlap and were known to YOT. 32% had county lines/ exploitation risk factors and 32% of incidents related to gang or youth violence.
- 11 children were not enrolled in school and were electively home educated and an additional 4 children not in school or being home educated (5 known to CSC either being subject to current CP plan/ previous CP plan)
- 21% of children were reported to have 1 or more mental health condition (diagnosed or undiagnosed)
- ✤ 16% or 30% of the over 5 year old cohort were neurodivergent
- ◆ 40% of adolescents with mental health difficulties also experienced substance misuse
- 10 children reported gender identity issues
- 50% the rapid review reported presence of DA within the household- making children victims of DA
- ✤ 10% of incidents identified intergenerational abuse
- In 57% of the cases identifying DA and 68% of the cases identifying intergenerational abuse the reviews identified issues with males being hidden or invisible to services
- Prior to the incident leading to the review prior experience of abuse was noted and in general this was intra-familiar rather than extra familiar
- ✤ 23% sexual abuse
- ✤ 45% physical abuse
- ✤ 21% emotional abuse
- ✤ 53% neglect

Neglect

- ✤ 8 children died of extreme neglect
- 5 were known to CSC as an open case or previously
- Where neglect was a risk factor 86% of cases had been open to CSC (either currently open or previously). 35% known to EH services and in 10% of cases a referral had been made or the family had refused help
- Poverty and neglect linked 25% occurred in the 10% most deprived areas and 84% occurred in the 50% most deprived

Learning focused around:

- Disguised compliance
- Escalation
- \succ Capturing the voice of the child
- > Further work is planned by the Panel in relation to work

Cross Cutting Practice Themes

6 established themes

- Effective leadership and culture supporting critical thinking and challenge
- Giving central consideration to racial, ethnic, and cultural identity and impact on the lived experience of children and families.
- The importance of a whole family approach to risk assessment and support.
- Recognising and responding to the vulnerability of babies.
- Domestic abuse and harm to children working across services.
- Keeping a focus on risks outside the family.

6 emerging themes

- Parenting capacity and children with disabilities and health needs
- Children with complex mental health needs.
- Parental mental health and parenting capacity.
- Children not in school.
- Young carers.
- Working with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.



THE CHILD SAFEGUARDING PRACTICE REVIEW PANEL

Annual Report 2022/23

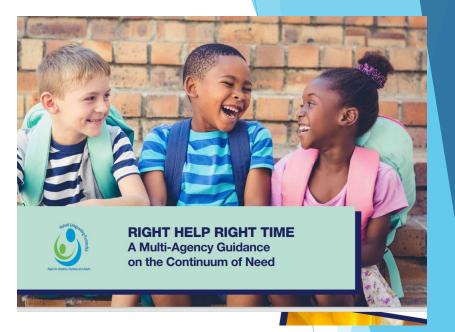
Patterns in practice, key messages and 2023/24 work programme



Right Help Right Time

126 professionals from 20+ agencies/departments attended the launch of the updated RHRT guidance

Professionals from all agencies have a shared responsibility to keep children living in Walsall safe and to promote their welfare. We all have a responsibility to help and support children and their families and we must work together to deliver help efficiently to ensure that we are able to continue to improve the lives of children across the borough. There is a commitment to work with families in a way that builds resilience and recognises the strength in family relationships and community connections, ensuring that children and their families are supported, reducing the need for statutory intervention.





Walsall Safeguarding Partnership



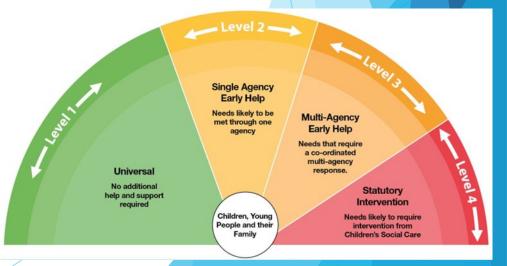
- All agencies have an understanding of the shared responsibility for the safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk in the borough.
- All agencies will be able to promote positive working relationships with each other and children, adults and their families.
- To understand to continuum of need and the different levels of need.
- To be able to determine the level of need for each child with the support of the guidance, and how to respond to that identified level of need.
- How to make appropriate referrals into Early Help and the Multi-Agency Screening Hub (MASH) if required
- To have a deeper understanding of other agencies that can support children and their families.

Find out more on the <u>WSP RHRT webpages</u>

Access a copy of the <u>RHRT document</u> from the WSP website



Please ensure all links on your own agencies' website pages are updated to point to the revised guidance WSP website.



Family Hubs

Best Beginnings, one hour workshop to learn more about how to use the features and content of Baby Buddy to support your work with parents in Walsall!

10th April 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Sign up today using the link Walsall Baby Buddy App Training for Healthcare Professionals (tfaforms.com) to increase your confidence in recommending the Baby Buddy app to parents in Walsall.

The Baby Buddy app is for families who are expectant and have children up to age of 1 years old!



Read more on the Early Years Newsletter

Walsall **Family Hubs** Supporting families to live happier lives Dads come along and join us for a range of

free activities this

Dads Stay and Plays at Walsall Family Hubs

Dads Stay & Play is an opportunity for dads to turn up with their children to pla together and have fun together. No need to book just turn up The stay and play starts from 11:00 - 1:00pm Saturday 02 March @ North Family Hub , 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ Saturday 16 March @ East Family Hub, Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA Saturday 23 March April @ South and Central Family Hub, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8N Saturday 13 April @ South and Central Family Hub, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8N Saturday 20 April @ West Family Hub Ilmington House Crescent Road WS10 8AF 10-1pm Saturday 27 April @ West Family Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE 10-1pm Saturday 04 May @ North Family Hub 275 Blakenall Lane Blakenall Walsall WS3 1H. Saturday 18 May @ West Family Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE 10-1pn Saturday 22 June @ East Family Hub. Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA

Dads group

Saturday 1 June @ North Family Hub , 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ 10:00-1:00pm Come along to our Dads group for an opportunity to meet other dads and sha your journey. The group will allow an open, safe and fun space for you to talk to other dads, access information, training and further support networks. To book onto Dads Group, email E

o keep up to date with whats going on by following our Facebook Page familiesintheknow or email familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk

Family Hubs Supporting families to live happier lives

Apps available for families

Easy Peasy App

Download the award-winning, FREE Baby Buddy app on the App Store or Google Play Store - now with an extra feature just for parents in Walsal

pp is made for mums, dads and caregivers, and is proven to build parenting knowledge and support you with breastfeeding, mental health, and practical advice - up to your child's 1* birthday. The app has daily information throughout the journey into parenthood and is trusted and endorsed by health professionals, including the Royal College of Midwives



The EasyPeasy app provides parenting tips and activities, personalised or families with children aged 0-5 years.



Dads Pad can be downloaded via the App store of google play. It's the essential guide for new dads, eloped with the NHS As a new dad you will feel excited, but you may also fee left out, unsure or overwhelmed. The DadPad can help by giving you the knowledge and practical skills that you need. The resource will support you and your partner to give your baby the best possible start in life. Visit the for more information DadPad | The Essential

Easter Stay and Play Wednesday 27 March 10:00-11.30

Funded by



Come along and join the Early Years Team for the Easter stay & play for families with children ages 0 -5 Years. The session is free of charge. Booking welcome by calling the Family Hub on 01922 654589 or simply join us on the day.

Family Hubs upporting families to live happier lives

Do you want to be a part of shaping Walsall Family

Do you want to have your say on what Families in Do you want to nave your say on what ranning in Walsall want and need, from pregnancy to age 52

We can offer training opportunities, volunteering and

opportunities to develop your skills and knowledge.

can be part of the future of Walsall Family Hubs.

Scan the QR code or click the link to find out how you

North Family Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ

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Family Hubs

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Supporting families to live happier lives

We would like to invite families to come along to our workshops



Risk assessments Road safety COSHH Guidance Primary survey - CPR



First Aid Awareness & Health and Safety workshops for families

Time: 09:30 - 11:00

Health & Safety dates 2024;

Friday 15 March at Manor Farm Community Association, WS4 1EU Friday 16 May at North Family Hub, WS3,1HJ Friday 12 July at West Family Hub, WS10 8AE

Calling all parents and carers

of 0-5's in Walsall. We want to hear your voice

First Aid dates 2024

Monday 5 February at Fullbrook Nursery School, WS5 4NX Monday 8 April at Brownhills Community Association, WS8 7JS Monday 3 June at Nash Dom Community Hub, WS1 4AL

To book your place you can email familyhubs@walsall.gov.ul with your name, what session you would like to book, your postcode and email address. (Please note places are limit

Funded by UK Government



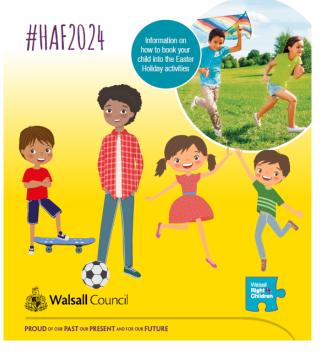


Support Your Child's

Development For Free

Easter HAF - Holiday Activities Fund

WALSALL EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME



The offer:

- 4 days of a Holiday Programme for a minimum of 4 hours
- Pick n mix (up to 4 activities) for a minimum of 2-4 hours.
- Family activity for all the family to attend a fun day out including siblings.

Activities include SEND, sensory activities bowling, Ninja warrior, Football, swimming, cricket, Arts & crafts, Golf, Hair & beauty, performing arts, cinema and much more!!

Please see below some useful links:

HAF Website: please see for more details. Register: How to register video

Do you have a family that you are working with that want to access HAF?

To qualify for the HAF Programme you need to be in receipt of one or more of the below:

- Income related **free school meals**.
- Have an EHCP
- Open to a plan (EH,CIN,CP)
- Young carer



For more information please contact the team on: 01922 653899 (between 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday) or email: WR4C@walsall.gov.uk You can follow us on Facebook (Walsall families in the know) or visit Website: www.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/ haf_signup to keep updated on the activity programme. #HAF2024



CDOP: Silent Nightmare Campaign

The Department for Levelling Up has updated Chapter 17, <u>Suitability of Accommodation, of the Homelessness Code of Guidance</u> to make it explicit that temporary accommodation should not be considered suitable for a family with children under 2 if there is not enough space for a cot and that housing authorities should support families to secure a cot where needed.

They have also released further guidance around safer sleeping from The Lullaby Trust and Shared Health Foundation.

- Safer sleeping in emergency situations: <u>https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Safer-sleep-for-emergency-</u> situations.pdf
- Guide for parents and carers: <u>https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Shared-Health-x-LL-Emergency-Resource.pdf</u>

Dr Laura Neilson uses her passion for tackling health inequalities to lead Hope Citadel Healthcare, a not-for-profit delivering primary care in deprived areas of Greater Manchester. She also runs Focused Care CIC and Shared Health Foundation, both looking at innovative ways to build capacity within health systems and advocate for change for communities at local and national level. She also works clinically in children's A&E.

Dr Laura Neilson <u>Shared Health Foundation</u> working with <u>National Child Mortality Database</u>. Co-secretariat to the <u>All Party Parliamentary Group for Households in Temporary Accommodation</u>.





If a baby or infant sleeps in a cot or Moses basket they are significantly less likely to die than if they slept in their parents' bed, in their parents' arms, or on a sofa. This is the single biggest intervention we can make; often we can't change the environment, the uncertainty, poverty, or other social factors but we can do our best to ensure that every night, every infant has access to a cot or Moses basket.

The Link Located in Walsall Town Centre

The Connecting you to your future

NEW FOR 2024! Visit our new one stop shop for jobs and training.

Welcome to The Link.

Talk to experienced coaches and service partners under one roof and receive personalised support with:

 Advice and guidance · One-to-one mentoring · Job searches · CV writing · Employability skills Free training courses

For more information or to book a one-to-one appointment, scan our QR code or visit www.thelinkwalsall.co.uk The Link, 46 Park Street, Walsall, WS1 1NG T: 0800 140 4670



Key Partners:





🔰 Walsall College





🏨 Walsall Counci





School Nursing Stories

National publication: "<u>School Nursing Stories</u>" published by the Queens Nursing Institute in which our Walsall School Nurses have had 2 case studies published and promoted about their work with:

- young carers (Case study 1)
- asylum seekers in Walsall. (Case study 19)

This national report really demonstrates the breadth of support our school nursing service offers young people, schools and parents and the variety of topics they deal with.

The Walsall School Nursing service (part of the Heathy child programme 0-19) provides a nurseled service to all children from the stage that they start in reception at school through to 19 years old. This includes support to children who are 'Educated at Home'.

The Queen's Nursing

ted by Suzanne Gordon

School Nurse

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Health and care for children.

young people and families

Stories

Every school in Walsall has access to a named school nurse and the schools have been provided with a menu of services to select from as well as posters to display which have the name, a picture and the contact details of their school nurse.

School Nursing - Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust



Training Opportunities



- STOP CE Child Exploitation Awareness Day 18 March
- WSP spaces available to book virtual and face-to-face
- WSP eLearning
- VRP Training Dates



Walsall Safeguarding Partnership Learning Management System (LMS) for training and eLearning

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To use this booking system, you will first need to **create a user account** and once you have done this, you will be able to manage your own bookings, access course evaluations, certificates and access your training history.

Walsall Safeguarding - Learning Management System (event-booking.org.uk)

Delegate Registration (event-booking.org.uk/register)



*Please note we are continually adding courses, so please keep checking for the latest information.

Scan the QR code to access LMS system







West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership:

Child Exploitation Awareness Training Schedule 18th March 2024

To mark National Child Exploitation Awareness Day this year, this awareness training programme has been developed in collaboration with partners supporting the West Midlands and aims to develop and improve our understanding to be able to identify and respond to the threat of Child Exploitation.

All sessions are free of charge to attend and will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. The timetable below has links to the Eventbrite booking page for each event, where tickets can be booked. There are limited spaces, with only 300 spaces available per session, so please sign up at your earliest opportunity to guarantee your place.

If you cannot attend after you have signed up, please ensure you cancel your ticket to allow others to sign up.

On behalf of the West Midlands VRP, we would like to share our deepest gratitude to our third sector partners who are delivering the training within the programme below.

We encourage you to share this awareness training programme far and wide amongst your networks regionally and nationally.

Training Provider	Facilitator/s	Training Title	Target Audience	Date & Time	How to join training
St Giles Trust	Samantha Emery & Fiona Slym	Child Sexual Exploitation and St Giles Trust Expect Respect Service	This session is aimed at: Professionals/ Frontline workers	Monday 18 th March, 10:00 – 11:15	Please register on Eventbrite: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/child-</u> <u>sexual-exploitation-and-st-giles-trust-</u> <u>expect-respect-service-tickets-</u> <u>847311229697?aff=oddtdtcreator</u>









Booking

here on

link access

Eventbrite





Training Provider	Facilitator/s	Training Title	Target Audience	Date & Time	How to join training
Barnardo's & Phase Trust	Alice Wade & Hannah Hughes	Barnardo's & Phase Trust: A Look at Child Sexual Exploitation	This session is aimed at: Professionals/ Frontline workers	Monday 18 th March, 12:00 – 13:00	Please register on Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barna rdos-and-phase-trust-a-look-at-child- sexual-exploitation-tickets- 847331951677?aff=oddtdtcreator
Training Provider	Facilitator/s	Training Title	Target Audience	Date & Time	How to join training
NSPCC	Danielle Harris	NSPCC Childline Today	This session is aimed at: Professionals/ Frontline workers	Monday 18 th March, 14:00 – 15:00	Please register on Eventbrite: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nspcc</u> <u>-childline-today-tickets-</u> <u>848178212867?aff=oddtdtcreator</u>

You can help to give victims a voice.

Show your support on social media using #HelpingHands and #CEADay24 and #CEnomorein24.

Please visit National Child Exploitation Awareness Day - STOP CE - (stop-ce.org) for more information.

stop-ce.org/national-child-exploitation-awareness-day

Believe in children MBarnardo's







<u>Booking</u> <u>link access</u> <u>here on</u> <u>Eventbrite</u>

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We still have spaces available on the following WSP Training in March & April

- Supporting Families Coordinator (Lead Professional) Training: 18 March
- Trauma Informed Training Recognising the impact of stress and trauma on ourselves <u>Booking Link</u> and our triggers: 20 March
- Right Help Right Time full training: 22 March
- Child Sexual Abuse Workshop-Speaking to children about sexual abuse: 28 March
- Understanding Neglect Level 2: 9 April, 18 April, 23 April
- Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) Training: 24 April
- Child Sexual Abuse Workshop Hearing and Responding to allegations/disclosures and <u>Booking Link</u> the role of the professional network: 25 April
- Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) Training: 30 April

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Walsall Safeguarding Partnership eLearning

Walsall Safeguarding Partnership also offers a variety of eLearning training courses:

Adults Safeguarding Awareness Level 1 Child Neglect Awareness - Level 1 Female Genital Mutilation: Recognising and Preventing (FGM) ICON: 'Babies cry, you can cope' Introduction to Safeguarding Children - Level 1 Private Fostering Module Understanding Mental Capacity Act - Level 2 Understanding Safeguarding Children - Level 2

To find out more about the eLearning courses and how to book, please visit: <u>https://walsall.event-booking.org.uk/elearning-list</u>



VRP Training Dates: March & April 2024

- An Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma Informed practice <u>18 March</u>
- Exploitation Awareness Training
 <u>20 March</u> <u>21 March</u>
- Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention
 <u>21 March</u> <u>22 March</u> <u>27 March</u>
- Working with Trauma in Early Years <u>28 March</u> <u>25 April</u>

- Trauma Informed Practice <u>18 March</u> <u>19 March</u>
- Serious Violence Duty Briefing <u>28 March</u>
- Ending Male Violence Against Women and Girls (EMVAWG)
 <u>28 March</u> <u>24 April</u>
- ✤ Mentors in Violence Prevention
 <u>29 March</u>
 <u>26 April</u>
- Change Makers Programme <u>29 March</u> <u>26 April</u>



Click on the date to register your place.

The West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership offers a wide variety of training courses for professionals working throughout the West Midlands. Each course has online dates available every month; but if you are interested in any of the courses for your team or organisation, you can also contact <u>vrp@westmidlands.police.uk</u> to arrange a specific date to suit your needs which can be delivered either in person or online.

Thank you for taking the time to read the WSP Safeguarding Spotlight

If you would like an item to be featured in the next edition,

please send your information through to:

<u>Safeguardingbusinessunit@walsall.gov.uk</u>