

Walsall Safeguarding Partnership Safeguarding Spotlight

12 April 2024



Congratulations - Hannah Law



Congratulations and well done to Hannah Law on passing her Apprenticeship in Business Administration.

Hannah has worked extremely hard over the past 18 months and has proved her ability and skill in this role.

Hannah works full time in the Safeguarding Business Unit as Business Support Officer and is a valued member of the team.

WSP Priorities 2023 - 2025:

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



National Hoarding Awareness Week

For more information and to download an involvement pack please visit:

www.hoardingawarenessweek.org.uk

NATIONAL HOARDING AWARENESS WEEK

10th Anniversary

13th – 17th May 2024

Involvement Pack



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Workplace & Community Involvement

Local Pop Ups

If you have the facilities to do so, we encourage you to host a pop up in a public space local to your service users to help spread awareness.



2023 Success Story:

Members of the adult safeguarding team at Walsall Manor Hospital were joined by their local fire service to host an awareness day.

Not only did they discuss the impact and effects of hoarding disorder, but the fire service also provided information on their free safe and well checks.

Laura, Nurse & member of the adult safeguarding team, said the response they had was overwhelming, it highlighted how little understanding there is on the severity of Hoarding Disorder and why it is so important to host events like this.

A great example of how two major services came together to spread awareness and showcase a multiagency approach.

Second Safeguarding Adults Reviews Analysis 2019 - 2023

Tuesday 14 May 2024 - 10.00am - 12.00pm

Second Safeguarding Adults Review Analysis 2019- 2023 webinar

This webinar will present the results of the second national analysis of safeguarding adult reviews in England. It will present a detailed analysis of the types of abuse and neglect, and the nature of adult safeguarding concerns as reported in 652 reviews.

This analysis will offer both a regional and a national perspective. Some comparisons will be made with the first national analysis. The webinar will then present the findings and recommendations from a stratified sample of 229 safeguarding adult reviews across five domains - direct practice, the team around the person, organisational support for practice, governance and the national context within which adult safeguarding is situated.

Finally, some suggestions will be offered for improvement priorities.

To register, please click the link below:

<https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/2089/home>

This is a virtual Zoom webinar.

Partnership

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Digital Health Star

Congratulations to Zarina Peragar who is the ChatHealth's latest Digital Health Star as Walsall Healthcare's Clinical Lead Nurse for the HCP 0-19 Service

ChatHealth is a confidential text messaging service for 11- to 19-year-olds. It is a quick and easy way for young people to access health advice and support.

Zarina won this award in recognition of her outstanding performance and valuable contribution towards the deployment of ChatHealth at Walsall.

Known as the 'ChatHealth Queen' for her service, Zarina has not only shown a great commitment to the parents/carers of Walsall, but a desire to improve ChatHealth by providing support for her colleagues and being instrumental in the further development of the service.

She received, a Digital Health Star pin badge and a goody bag of branded giveaways to share with her team. She also received some flowers from the 0-19 service.



Cavell awards

The Walsall Healthcare 0-19 Service are very pleased to have had two nominations for the national Cavell Excellence in Nursing awards.

Jeanette Williamson was nominated for her outstanding safeguarding awareness when delivering the National Child Measurement Programme. Jeanette delivers the programme to children in reception year and in year 6. Whilst measuring one child, she identified concerns of chronic neglect and emotional wellbeing. Jeanette went above and beyond to ensure that this child's needs were met and that he was safeguarded in a timely manner. Jeanette was highly commended by Cavell.

Kristina Liston was also nominated for a Cavell Award. Kristina is a Health in Pregnancy Practitioner. Kristina identified that babies and infants in Walsall were not always having the essential items they needed. In pregnancy, parents were concerned about ensuring they had the items they needed following birth of baby. This became especially hard due to the current financial pressures that many families are facing. Kristina, in her own time, went above and beyond to set up a baby bank with essential goods that babies may need. She contacted local companies for donations of items such as baby wipes and nappies. In addition, Kristina was given clothes for babies, which she laundered at home and brought back to the office. She, with the support of her team, set up a facility where staff can get items a family may need. Kristina has made a positive difference to children and families in Walsall.

Trust Excellence Awards

Kristina Liston also won the Trust Excellence award for unsung hero. Well done Kristina.

In addition to Kristina's nomination to the trust excellence awards, the service had many more nominations. The Single Point of Access, The Targeted Team and the Health in Pregnancy Team all had nominations for excellence awards. We are proud to say we had 19 staff in total have individual nominations. Well done all!

Of the total of 22 nominations, we were very pleased to have 3 finalists. These were Kristina Liston- Health in Pregnancy Practitioner, Alice Marston- School Nurse nursery nurse and Carol Williams- Teenage Pregnancy Team Leader. We are very proud of you all. Well done!



MMR Vaccine

With the new school term underway and childhood infections like measles and whooping cough on the rise, parents and carers are being urged to ensure their children are up to date with their vaccinations.

Childhood infections can cause serious complications. The infections can cause a child to miss out on school due to time spent unwell, end up in hospital and even experience life-long complications.

The MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine is one of the many vaccinations offered for free on the NHS and it is safe and effective. All children are invited for their first MMR vaccine on the NHS when they turn one. The second dose is given when they reach three years and four months of age.

Having two doses of the vaccine provides the best protection against MMR and adults and older children can be vaccinated at any age if they have not been fully vaccinated before.

The whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine is also offered for free on the NHS and is routinely given to babies and younger children. Pregnant women should also have the whooping cough vaccine.



To help people come forward, clinics offering the MMR vaccine will be taking place this month in Walsall:

- ❖ **Pinfold Health Centre, Bloxwich (WS3 3JP) - Saturday 20 and 27 April, both days between 1:30pm and 4:30pm**
- ❖ **Broadway Medical Centre (WS1 3HD) - Saturday 27 April from 10am to 4pm.**

The above clinics are open to those born after 1970 who haven't received both doses and are registered with a participating Walsall-based GP practice. Appointments can be booked by calling 01922 501999.

There are also clinics across the Black Country between April and July offering the MMR vaccine for all eligible children who are due or have missed a dose. The DTP vaccine which provides protection against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) and the MenACWY vaccine which helps protect against meningitis and septicaemia (blood poisoning) are also available at these clinics. Full details are on the [NHS Black Country ICB website](#).

Parents who are unsure if their child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations can check their child's Red Book (personal child health record) or contact their GP practice.

You can read the full story on the [council website](#).

Are you up to date with the MMR vaccine?

It's never too late to catch up. Check your child's red book or contact your GP practice to find out and to book in any missed doses.



Baby Buddy App Training

2 more dates available for Baby Buddy App Training:

14th May or 3rd June (see poster for more details)

The training is a 1-hour virtual workshop on MS Teams.

To book onto the training please use this link: [Baby Buddy App Training](https://bit.ly/42syCj9)

Local baby buddy by best beginnings **1-HOUR VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

Want to learn more about using the award-winning Baby Buddy app to support your work with parents in Walsall?

Unlock the power of Baby Buddy in a virtual training workshop with the Best Beginnings team.

After training, **97%** of Healthcare Professionals said they felt confident about recommending Baby Buddy to the parents they work with.

SO DON'T MISS OUT!

Sign up here TODAY: <https://bit.ly/42syCj9>

TRAINING WORKSHOP DATES:

Tuesday
14th May 2024
10:00am-11:00am

Monday
3rd June 2024
2:00pm-3:00pm

Walsall Family Hubs

www.bestbeginnings.org.uk
Charity No.1120054

Family Hubs Updates

- ❑ Birth Registration @ West Family Hub starting April
- ❑ Samsung Tablets for workers to complete evaluations on
- ❑ Tv's in each Hub
- ❑ Website development (Family Hubs) and developing a start for life booklet and a Home Learning booklet
- ❑ Recruiting Family Hub Champions and Breastfeeding Champions



Supporting families to live happier lives

Family hubs in each of the 4 localities in Walsall

Families have access to help and support through a hub / building



Digital offer of support for families

A blended offer of physical and digital support is essential to ensure that wider accessibility to support is available

Support in the community

Support to be available, when and where families need it



Free CYP Mental Health support with Black Country Health NHS Trust

FREE Mental Health Support for Young people in the Black Country: Wysa in conjunction with Black Country NHS Foundation Trust

Black Country NHS Foundation Trust (BCHFT) has commissioned Wysa, a mental health chatbot and virtual mental health support platform, to provide a bespoke version of the Everyday Mental Health by Wysa app for young people across Walsall, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Sandwell.

This bespoke version of Wysa, especially for secondary aged young people in the Black Country, is being provided as an anonymous support tool for all secondary school aged young people as both preventative support, and as a waitlist support tool for young people referred to BCHFT services. It is free for them to download and use, and they will have access to it for 12 months from the time they download it.

We are keen to reach all young people across the Black Country, and we provide a variety of support material to help with this, which includes posters, images for screens, PHSE lesson plans or slides for assemblies, leaflets for both young people and parents / carers, as well as more in depth information for both clinical staff and school staff. We can also provide information on how staff and other adults can download a trial version of the Black Country version of Wysa Every Day Mental Health.

We would be keen to speak to you further about how we can help you to spread the word about Wysa in your area. Please email me, or the dedicated email BCHFT@wysa.io with when would be a good time to speak with you and we can send you a MS Teams invitation.

You may also be interested to see our recently released UK Youth Mental Health Report that reveals the mental health crisis in young people is more worrisome than initially thought. It's free to download here <https://www.wysa.com/uk-youth-report>.

Healthy Lifestyle Sessions

- Friday 12 April
 - Friday 10 May
 - Friday 14 June
- ❖ 1pm - 3pm
- ❖ Walsall College



***FREE COURSE**

Healthy Lifestyle Sessions with Walsall College

At The Link

Our one off sessions will take place every month starting from Friday 12th April between 1pm - 3pm

Come down and take part in sessions to learn more on how you can make small changes to live healthy!

Our other sessions take place from 1pm - 3pm on 10th May and 14th June

These sessions will look at items including:

- Learning how to use the NHS food scanner app
- Portion control
- Health Conditions
- Benefits of regular exercise

Visit us at: The Link, 46 Park Street, Walsall, WS1 1NG

*Free for anyone aged 19+, living in the West Midlands area and with household income below £33,000 per year

Tel: 01922 657000

Email: CommunityDevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk

DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL

West Midlands Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault and Abuse Standards 2024 - 2028

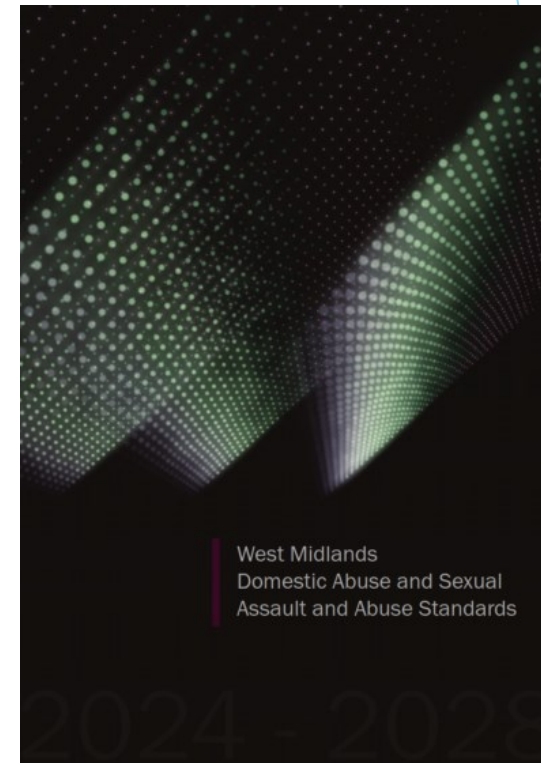
The new standards were launched by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

These standards are updating the previously published regional 2015 Domestic Violence & Abuse standards and 2016 Rape and Sexual Violence standards and will help your organisation to prepare for occasions where you may need to work with and/or support a victim-survivor of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault and abuse and feel confident in how you respond to them to ensure they get the most appropriate support.

The standards and related documents can be downloaded on the [West Midlands Police Crime Commissioner](#) website along with:

The 'West Midlands Competencies, Training and Development Framework for Tackling Exploitation and Abuse' which compliments the standards and the recently created 'Best Practice Guidelines for ethical co-design for Ending Male Violence Against Women and Girls campaigns with underrepresented communities'.

The [No Excuse for Abuse](#) website holds resources, information, previous campaigns and support for those impacted by Violence Against Women and Girls.



Training Opportunities



- WSP Learning Management System (LMS)
 - ❖ Walsall Safeguarding - Learning Management System (event-booking.org.uk)
 - ❖ Delegate Registration (event-booking.org.uk/register)

- WSP spaces available to book - virtual and face-to-face
- WSP eLearning

- VRP Training Dates

- Learning from Adult Reviews, Audits, Webinars, Briefings
- Learning from Child Reviews, Audits, Webinars, Briefings

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

- ❖ Understanding Neglect Level 2: 23 April, 2 May, 8 May [Booking Link](#)
- ❖ Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) Training: 24 April, 30 April, 9 May, 14 May [Booking Link](#)
- ❖ Child Sexual Abuse Workshop - Hearing and Responding to allegations/disclosures and the role of the professional network: 25 April [Booking Link](#)

Other Training

- ❖ Walsall Mental Health & Suicide Prevention - Train the Trainer - Birmingham Mind (for those who have completed the mental health & suicide prevention training in Walsall) [Booking Link 17 April](#)
[Booking Link 23 April](#)
[Booking Link 21 May](#)
- ❖ Basic Drug Awareness - The Beacon [Booking Link 16 May](#)

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:

<https://walsall.event-booking.org.uk/elearning-list>

VRP Training Dates: April & May 2024

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- ❖ An Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences
[16 April](#)
[7 May](#) [21 May](#)
- ❖ Exploitation Webinar
[22 April](#)
[8 May](#) [22 May](#)
- ❖ Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention
[23 April](#)
[14 May](#) [28 May](#)
- ❖ Working with Trauma in Early Years
[25 April](#)
[23 May](#)
- ❖ Trauma Informed Practice
[1 May](#) [15 May](#)
- ❖ Serious Violence Duty Briefing
[26 April](#)
[24 May](#)
- ❖ Ending Male Violence Against Women and Girls (EMVAWG)
[24 April](#)
[30 May](#)
- ❖ Mentors in Violence Prevention
[26 April](#)
[31 May](#)
- ❖ Change Makers Programme
[26 April](#)
[31 May](#)



Click on the date to register your place or visit: [West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership Events - 59 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

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 vrp@westmidlands.police.uk 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:

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