Walsall Safeguarding Partnership Safeguarding Spotlight

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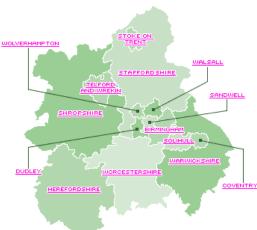
WSP Priorities 2023 - 2025:

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









Adult Safeguarding: Multi-agency policy & procedures for the protection of adults with care & support needs in the West Midlands

- updated April 2024

Hosted on Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults website

To download the full PDF document: click here

To view summary of changes to previous versions: <u>click here</u>



Clive Treacey: Discretionary SAR

Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board (CESAB) and Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Adults Safeguarding Partnership Board (SSASPB) jointly commissioned a Discretionary Safeguarding Adults Review (D-SAR) in respect of Clive Treacey, who died in 2017. Clive had a learning disability, epilepsy, and complex mental health needs. He was placed by Staffordshire County Council into the David Lewis Centre in the borough of Cheshire East in 1993.

This Discretionary SAR relates to historical incidents of abuse and examines what is now in place to protect adults at risk since adult safeguarding became a statutory duty under the Care Act in 2014.

The full review report, the pen picture of Clive, the impact statement provided by Clive's family, the Learning on a Page and the Independent Chairs' Joint Statement are all found on the SSASPB SAR web page: <u>Safeguarding Adult</u> <u>Reviews (SARs) (ssaspb.org.uk)</u>

National Lessons Learnt

A national database of SARs has been compiled to assist with learning lessons from SARs which is open to professionals and the public. The data base includes SARs published from 1st April 2019. The list is searchable and will allow the use of key words including types of abuse, types of care and support need as well as place of residence and potential identified themes: <u>nationalnetwork.org.uk/search.html</u>

The Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP) safeguarding workstream commissioned Suzy Braye, Michael Preston-Shoot and Research in Practice to undertake a review of SARs published in 2018/18 and 2018/19 to inform future priorities for sector led improvement in safeguarding adults' practice.



The full report, <u>Analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews: April 2017 - March 2019</u>, is lengthy and academic, reflecting the considerable work that has been undertaken, the range and depth of analysis. Six shorter targeted briefings have been developed to enable easier access to the wealth of information and guidance arising from this work, which are located at the foot of the web page following the full report.

Purposeful Planning

Findings from Audits and Child Safeguarding Practice Review – W13 "SAM"

- Plans are often too lengthy and can result in parents and family members feeling overwhelmed.
- The language used often creates an adversarial effect 'us and them'.
- Lack of co-production, participation and engagement from parents/caregivers, children and significant family members.
- Problem-focussed as opposed to solution-focussed how can positive change be achieved and how do we measure success.
- The majority of tasks seem to be assigned to the Lead Professional and are not truly multi-agency.
- Plans are not regularly reviewed and often remain static actions should evolve and should be regularly reviewed to ensure that they are appropriate for that moment in time.
- Lack of thought and consideration around point of contact if criminal proceedings continue but support ceases who will police liaise with?
- Where a child has multiple single agency plans, this does not seem to be acknowledged by the professional network and no attempt is made to merge the action points into one single child's plan.

Purposeful Multi-Agency Plans for Children, Young People and Families Face to Face - 22 MAY 2024 – **BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**

Learning outcomes:

- > To develop an understanding of what we mean by 'Purposeful Planning'
- > To develop an understanding of why we develop plans, and what makes a good plan for children and their families
- To recognise and have knowledge of identifying child's needs linking to family goals, what needs to happen to achieve this and how we manage progress
- > To understand your professional role in plans and how to 'Find a Solution Together' when there is professional disagreement



Child Neglect Resource Launch Event

You are only required to book on one session:

25 June 2024, AM

25 June 2024, PM



'BE PART OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE'

CHILD NEGLECT RESOURCE LAUNCH EVENT

Aims:

 Progress in respect of the Neglect Strategy since the 'See, Hear, Respond' Neglect Conference in May 2023.

Neglect training & support.

 Sneak Peek & consultation regarding the NEW neglect screening tool

Expectations & responsilities of practitioners and managers in Supervision.

Tuesday 25th June 2024 Manor Farm Community Association Morning session: 9.30am - 12.30pm

or Afternoon session: 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Please only attend 1 of these sessions.





ICON

- I Infant crying is normal
- **C** Comforting methods can help
- **O** It's OK to walk away
- N Never, ever shake a baby
- ▶ ICON is all about helping people who care for babies to cope with crying.
- Speak to someone if you need support such as your family, friends, Midwife, GP or Health Visitor.

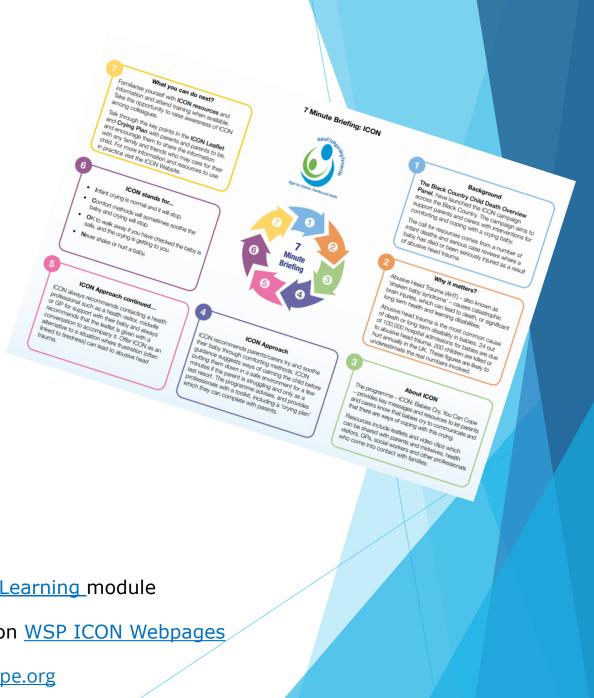




To Learn more about ICON, complete the <u>ICON eLearning</u> module

Further information and resources can be found on WSP ICON Webpages

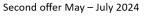
For more information about ICON please visit: <u>iconcope.org</u>



Family Hubs Updates

Walsall Family Hubs are pleased to announce the new Empowering Parents, **Empowering Communities (EPEC) starting May 2024**

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) Being A Parent groups





Sign up via the QR code



North - Busil Jones Primary School -South and Central: locality hub Tuesday's 09:30 - 11:30 Tuesday's - 12:20 - 2:30 Wednesday's 09:30 - 11:30 8 May: Intro session 14th May: Intro session 14th May: Intro session 22th May: Session 1 21st May: Session 1 21st May: Session 1 29th May Half term 28th May Half term 28th May Half term 5TH June Session 2 4th June: Session 2 4th June: Session 2 12 June: Session 3 11th June: Session 3 11th June: Session 3 19th June: Session 4 18th June: Session 4 18th June: Session 4 26th June: Session 5 25th June: Session 5 25th June: Session 5 3rd June: Session 6 2nd July: Session 6 2nd July: Session 6 10th July: Session 7 9th July: Session 7 9th July: Session 7 17th July: Session 8 16th July: Session 8 16th July: Session 8 Celebration? Celebration? Celebration?

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Scan code or click the link to sign up: https://forms.office.com/e/NeiSdLpCTf

For any enquiries, please contact Early Help Volunteers earlyhelpvolunteers@walsall.gov.uk

Empowering Parents Empowering **C**ommunities

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resilience and relationships,

Walsall Family Hubs are pleased to announce the new Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities - Being A Parent groups starting from January 2024.

Being a parent can be a precious experience. It also comes with a range of challenges and worries. Whilst we don't have a 'manual to follow' together we can, as parents & carers ourselves offer you the opportunity to gain skills to listen, communicate and interact with your children and focus on different developmental periods from birth onwards.



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What do parents like about EPEC?

Thousands of parents have taken part in EPEC groups. Parents are passionate about their experience and strongly recommend the group. Parents say:

- "The group helped me and the children a lot, the group had a fantastic atmosphere and very encouraging to try new strategies which are extremely helpful."
- "The EPEC group was none judgmental, I've enjoyed the sessions, its educational and its completely changed my life," Walsall parent
- · "The way each topic and subject is broken down helps you understanding more and makes you feel better as a parent, that you are not alone and things can change.'
- "Since attending EPEC I feel prouder of my children. I fell like we have both learned allot in a positive way. I don't feel so alone anymore." Walsall parent
- · "This group has helped me to break the cycle...to begin to let go of the past...enabling me to finally look to the future.

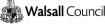
What impact does EPEC have?

Over 90% of parents report that EPEC has increased their understanding of positive parenting, popular and highly developed their parenting skills and recommended by parents. increased their confidence to be an EPEC transforms parents' effective parent. Parents say: knowledge and skills, family

- It has helped me to stop smacking and shouting, I listen to my daughter a lot more."
- children's outcomes and development "It's changed my personality as
- a person and mother as mother towards my child."
- "This group has calmed me down... I understand my child's behaviour and it has made us both happier."

For more information:

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Family Hubs Updates

Walsall Council's Family Hubs have been awarded a **Certificate of Commitment**, in their first step towards gaining recognition from the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) Baby Friendly Initiative. Take a look at the news article Walsall Family Hubs gain 'Baby Friendly' UNICEF UK certificate | Walsall Council

Feeding your baby

Family Hubs are working towards becoming UNICEF Baby Friendly. We will continue to work with Walsall Infant Feeding Team to support families with their feeding journey in Walsall. We are excited to launch a Breastfeeding Peer Support group at the North Family Hub, Blakenail on a Friday from 11:00 - 12:30. No need to book just turn up

For more advice and support families can contact the Infant feeding team for on 01922 605248 or 07794 117247 (Monday-Friday between 9am and 5pm) You can also follow Walsall Welcomes Breastfeeding on Facebook and Instagram.

Introducing Solid Foods to your baby

We would like to invite families to come along to our workshop to learn about introducing solid foods to your baby See dates and venues below: booking is required please email familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk with your name, childs date

Date	Time	Venue	
9 April	1:00- 3:00pm	West Family Hub, Illmington House, Cresent Road WS10 8AE	Ustidu videos and websites: https://vimeo. com/794595496/30ecc7fa Introducing aolid foods (unicef. Childhood wellbeing & com illinease - Children aged 0 (walsalihealthychild.co.ul
14 May	09:30-11:30am	East Family Hub, Silver Court WS8 6HA	
11 June	09:30 - 11:30am	Nash Dom Community Hub Sun Street, Walsall, WS1 4AL	





The Health in Pregnancy Service are here to support your family during pregnancy and beyond. We are part of the 0-19 recreases in regulatory derive de here is support you taming pregulatory and beyond at both or the der bar of the or be service and aim to bridge the gap between Maternity and Health Visiting Services, supporting families with individual health needs during the antenatal and postnatal period. Our team is made up of Practitioners who are registered Nursee and Midwives and Assistant Practitioners, all with qualifications and experience in public health.

We offer support and practical advice with

- Infant Feeding Smoking Cessatio
- · Healthy Lifestyles
- Emotional Wellbein
- Antenatal Education Contraception
- Transition to Parenthood/ Eatherhood advice and support
- Safe Sleep
- Immunisations · Help with Equipment and Food
- Health Assessment and Promotion

We will be in touch to arrange an antenatal contact when you are between 28 and 32 weeks of pregnancy. This will take place on either an individual basis or you may be invited to one of our Postnatal Preparation Groups. We also run the Little Storks Baby group aimed at families with babies under 1 and the Buggy Walk group at Walsall Arboretum.

Please get in touch on 01922 423 252 (Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm) for further information regarding the Health in Pregnancy Team or our single point of access number is 01922 603074 if you wish to speak to a Health Visitor.







https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/early-help https://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk

Did you know the Easy Peasy App also have some great activity ideas?



Need Help accessing Walsall council services?

Walsall Connected offers in person digital upskilling general advice and signposting to ensure residents ca get the help they need at a local community partner or

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READ

Read and retell a story every day – give your child a chance to build attention, remember some things and put stories into their own words.

Fncourage independence – give your child plenty of time to do things for themselves especially dressing, eating, self-care.

dd a new word each day – stories and new experiences give your child an opportunity to learn new words every day.

Develop your child's language skills with back and forth conversations - this helps them to talk in sentences.

You are your child's first teacher – you help them feel secure, loved and confident as you explore the world together.



Welcome to the 3rd edition of our termly Walsall Family Hubs / Early Years newsletter for families living in the Walsall Borough letter aims to provide parents and carers in roups and activities to go along to with your babies and/or toddlers a rell as lots of helpful resources and ideas of activities to do at home t



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Early Years Newsletter

Walsall's four Family Hubs are based in the heart of our local communities. They provide a welcoming space, offering help and support for a range of children's services. This includes face-to-face support, a virtual offer and outreach services. Th services and support are aimed at children aged 0-19 (0 to 24 for children and young people with special educational need and disabilities), their parents and carers

We also have an additional 10 community spokes' based in voluntary and community buildings across the borough. These offer a range of local community activities and services for families, children and young people

Where are our Family Hubs and Community Spokes?

Family Hubs		
North Locality Family Hub	Address: 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walatil WS3 1HJ Telephone: 01922 476698 Website: www.walaalfamilyhubs.co.uk Opening times: 9.00am – 5.00pm	Family Hubs Walsall Borough
South and Central Locality Family Hub	Address: Birchils Street, Walsal, WS2 8NF Telephone: 01922 646574 Website: www.walsalfamilyhubs.co.uk Opening times: 9.00am – 5.00pm	
West Locality Family Hub	Address: Ilmington House, Crescent Road, Wednesbury, WS10 8AE Telephone: 01922 652059 Website: www.walaffamilyhubs.co.uk Opening times: 9.00am – 5.00pm	
East Locality Family Hub	Address: Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA Telephone: 01922 658300 Website: www.walsalfamilyhubs.co.uk Opening times: 9.00am – 5.00pm	To and a

Family Hubs Right A 🚵 Walsall Council

to learn...

Department for Education







ney into parenthood and beyond Waisall Womb to World Antenatal Programme is delivered

virtually on Microsoft Teams - four sessions over four week each month. Sessions are delivered by health care practitin io will be supporting you throughout your pregnancy and yond into parenthood, from the Maternity Service, Health Pregnancy Service and Infant Feeding Service

Family Hubs Updates

Dads Pad

Dad

 Dads Pad can be downloaded via the App store or google play. It's the essential guide for new dads, developed with the NHS.

As a new dad you will feel excited, but you may also feel 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 website for more information DadPad | The Essential Guide for New Dads | Support Guide for New Dads (thedadpad.co.uk)

ChatHealth

ChatHealth is a confidential,

secure text-messaging service run by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust for parents of children aged 0-5 years. The service operates from Monday to Friday, 9,00am-4.00pm, excluding Bank Holidays. All texts are responded to by a Health Visitor within 24 hours. You can find out more information on the service via their webpage.

Citizens' Advice

Citizens' Advice offer free, confidential, independent and impartial advice on a range of topics, including benefits and legal issues. As well as their telephone helplines (see below), they also offer face-to-face meetings at their local offices: https://citizensadvicesandwell-walsall.org/local-offices/ and via their mobile advice unit service: https://citizensadvicesandwell-walsall.org/get-help/ mobile-advice-unit/.

Early Help

Visit the website for information on Walsall Council's Early Help resources to support children and families who may need extra help with a whole range of individual, social, health and educational concerns. Support is provided to the whole family, to ensure the right help at the right time is available.







Parenting Support

First Steps Eating well

Childcare in Walsall

Walker on 01922 655509

Working Parents

application

We have lots of parenting information available on for families on our

parents, we want to know if there is more we can do to understand our

pregnancy, baby, child or teenager. If you are a Walsall resident, check

You can find information about eating well for children and families;

Do you know if you are eligible for 2-year funding for 15 hours funded childcare? For working parents on a lower income, please visit **Time 2 Start (mywalsall.org)** to check if you are eligible and to make an

To discuss your Walsall childcare options call FIS on 01922 653383 or Sharon

For both working parents who are on an average income, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to check if you are eligible for the new

website take a look at Parenting support | Walsall Council

There are also lots of free courses available to all parents, carers,

grandparents. No child is born with a handbook, sometimes as

out our free, online parenting support courses.

Eating well early years - First Steps Nutrition Trust

of 2-year-olds Entitlements and to make an application



Your views on Family Hubs?

We would like to invite all families to give feedback and share their voices to help shape the Family Hubs.

We are looking for a group of Parents and Carers who are expecting or have children aged 0-5 years, that are passionate about local services for families to help us shape Walsall Family Hubs to ensure the right services are available to you at the right time.

You can help us by completing feedback forms, joining a panel which will meet every two months, joining virtual feedback sessions or being a mystery caller at one of our Family Hubs or Spokes.

In return for your support we can offer free training opportunities, access to our volunteer programme and opportunities to develop skills and knowledge.

To sign up scan the QR code:



or visit https://forms.office.com/e/svvHHrS5Db



For other types of childcare funding support visit www.childcarechoices. gov.uk for more information Parents quotes;

"The introduction to solids workshop has really helped us to introduce our baby to solids more confidently and given us ideas on what to offer and when"

"The breastfeeding peer support group has been fantastic; they have offered so much support and it's great to talk with other moms"

"We attended the anxiety and emotional wellbeing workshop, the staff were friendly and welcoming, we found the information in the workshop really useful."

"All activities and events are very welcomed. The childcare was an amazing addition, as without this, I would not have been able to attend - thank you."



Website: Walsall Family Hubs

Email: Familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk

🚯 Walsall Families in the Know

To keep up to date with what's going on by following our Facebook Page 👎 Walsallfamiliesintheknow

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 <u>Adult Reviews</u>, <u>Audits</u>, <u>Webinars</u>, <u>Briefings</u>
- Learning from <u>Child Reviews</u>, <u>Audits</u>, <u>Webinars</u>, <u>Briefings</u>



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

- Understanding Neglect Level 2: 2 May, 8 May
- ✤ Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) Training: 30 April, 9 May, 14 May
- Responding to harmful sexual behaviour in education settings: 8 May
- Putting the Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway into practice: 15 May
- Spotting the signs and indicators of child sexual abuse: 16 May
- Purposeful Multi-Agency Plans for Children, Young People and Families: 22 May
- Right Help Right Time Full Training: 23 May

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): 21 May

✤ Basic Drug Awareness – The Beacon: 16 May

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Neglect Training

Understanding Neglect Training - 1 day face to face:

5th June 2024 18th June 2024 3rd July 2024

GCP2 Training - 1 day face to face:

30th April 2024 9th May 2024 20th May 2024 20th June 2024 26th June 2024 2nd July 2024







Scan the QR code to book today or visit: Walsall Safeguarding - Learning Management System <u>event-booking.org.uk</u>

Recruitment Understanding Neglect Trainers WANTED

- > Are you passionate about tackling Child Neglect in Walsall?
- Do you want to help partner agencies recognise neglect much earlier?
- The only way this can happen is if all practitioners have a good understanding of Neglect and the impact it has on the children and families we are working with.
- Become an Understanding Neglect Trainer today!



For further information, please contact: Ness O'Hara - Neglect Lead - Walsall Safeguarding Partnership <u>vanessa.ohara@walsall.gov.uk</u>



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>





Trauma Informed

The Trauma Informed project is working to support organisations in becoming trauma aware and to help them begin to embed trauma informed approaches into their practice.

Becoming trauma informed is a lengthy process that can take many years to achieve. Organisations might aim to begin the process by developing an awareness and sensitivity to how trauma can impact people accessing their services. This means developing awareness of how adverse life experiences and traumas could have a negative impact on a person's wellbeing and behaviour.

Learning Objectives

The trauma training has the following collective aims:

- > To promote professional practices, activities, attitudes and behaviours that could be categorised as 'trauma-informed'.
- > To raise awareness of relevant psychological theory behind mental health and the benefits of relationship-based practice.
- > To understand the potential impacts of trauma and adversity across a person's entire life.

Access VRP Free online webinars



If you are interested in receiving training for your organisation, then you can register your interest on the <u>contact form</u> and one of the VRP team will contact you to arrange a date.

VRP Training Dates: May 2024

West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership Events - 59 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite

- An Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences
 <u>7 May</u> <u>21 May</u>
- Exploitation Webinar
 <u>8 May</u> <u>22 May</u>
- Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention
 <u>14 May</u> <u>28 May</u>
- Working with Trauma in Early Years
 <u>23 May</u>

- ✤ Trauma Informed Practice <u>1 May</u> <u>15 May</u>
- Serious Violence Duty Briefing <u>24 May</u>
- Ending Male Violence Against Women and Girls (EMVAWG) <u>30 May</u>
- Mentors in Violence Prevention <u>31 May</u>
- Change Makers Programme <u>31 May</u>



<u>Events - 59 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite</u> 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

Click on the date to register your place or visit: West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership

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>