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# News from the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB)

## 1. SSAB Webpages



The following updates have been made to the SSAB webpages:

- Police and Adult Social Care Position Statement – this sets out the agreement between these two agencies on how they will work together and specifically considers responsibilities when there are safeguarding enquiries and criminal proceedings taking place.
- SSAB meeting May 2017 – Key Points

[SSAB website](#)

## 2. SSAB Training



SSAB have developed 2 training e-learning packages. These are now available on the SSAB webpages. There is a Level 1 training course and a more basic introduction to adult safeguarding for people who may come into contact with adults at risk but who do not deliver services to them. We are planning to have these on an appropriate e-learning platform in due course but in the meantime want to make them available to increase awareness of adult safeguarding. For more information, please see the website.

SSAB values the benefits of classroom based multi-agency training and we are putting together a programme of courses for this year. Unfortunately, this is taking longer than anticipated to finalise but we do hope to have the programme available soon. Please do keep checking the website for updates.

[SSAB training webpage](#)

If you are involved in services for adults, you may need to be trained in safeguarding children as well. This is because you may be working with families and you will be working with young people who have just moved from children's to adults services (often known as 'transition'). Information on safeguarding children's courses is available at:

[Safeguarding children training programme](#)

### 3. Mental Capacity Act training for people working in Children's Services

A reminder that the Mental Capacity Act 2005 applies to all people aged 16 years and above. This means people working specifically with children and young people may need training on the application of the legislation. If training is not available within your agency, consider making use of the Social Care Institute for Excellence e-learning on the Act.

[SCIE Mental Capacity Act 2005 training](#)



### 4. Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

A reminder - the MASH is now the first place to contact when you need to raise a new safeguarding concerns. Contact can be made by phone or by email using the details below:

- Tel: 0300 470 9100
- Email: [mash@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:mash@surreycc.gov.uk)
- Secure email: [mash@surreycc.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mash@surreycc.gcsx.gov.uk)
- Fax number: 01483 519862

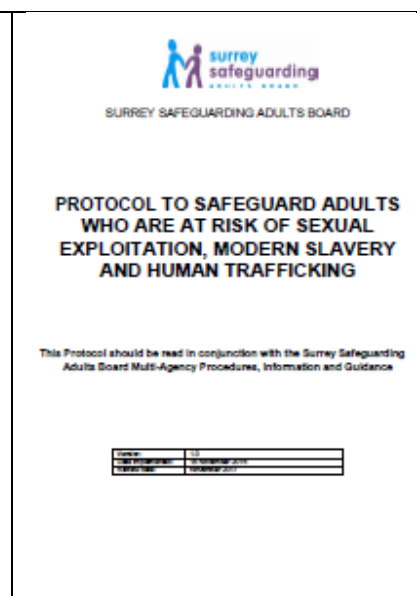
More information on the [MASH webpages](#).

### 5. SSAB policies and guidance documents

Do you know that in addition to the SSAB Multi Agency Procedures, the Board has published a range of policy and guidance documents to ensure professionals have the right processes to keep adults at risk, safe from harm?

Below are examples of the additional policies, please see the website for more information.

- Report writing for safeguarding adults meetings
- Missing Persons Protocol
- Multi Agency Recording Guidance and Best Practice



- Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board choking prevention policy 2014 (currently being updated)
- SSAB Inter Agency Escalation Policy
- SSAB Information Sharing Protocol
- Multi agency fire safety guide for adults at risk & High priority referral form to SFRS
- SSAB Multi agency framework in risk work & multi agency risk assessment recording tool
- SSAB Key Safe Protocol
- Safeguarding adults - a quick guide
- SSAB Policy & Procedures on self neglect
- SSAB Position of Trust Protocol
- Protocol to safeguard adults who are at risk of sexual exploitation, modern slavery and human trafficking

[Link to SSAB Multi Agency Procedures](#)

[Link to additional policies and guidance](#)

## Other local and national safeguarding news

### 6. Carer's Week 12 – 18 June 2017

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

For more information on support and services for carers in Surrey see the website:

[Action for carers](#)

**Carers do all this and more for family and friends who are older, ill or have a disability...**



**...all while trying to maintain a life of their**

**Help Build Carer Friendly Communities carersw**

### 7. Changes to Mental Health Act - Sections 135 & 136

The Policing and Crime Act 2017 has introduced changes to the Mental Health Act sections 135 and 136. The key changes are:

Section 136 can be used in more places than before. Previously a person could only be detained if they were in a place which the public had access to. With the change in the law, a person can be detained if they are anywhere other than a person's home or garden. This means a person can now be detained if they are within a business premises or other places which are not accessible to the public.

There is a reduction in the length of time that a person can be detained before having an assessment completed and assessments prior to someone being detained by the police under Section 136.

For more information, please see:

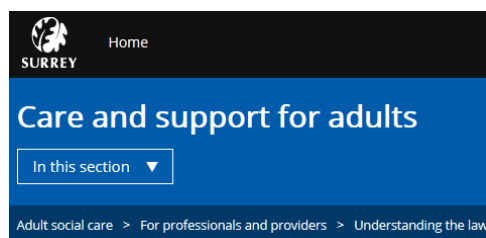
[Changes to the Mental Health Act 1983](#)



## 8. Information on the Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Powers of Attorney

If you would like details on any of these issues, there is useful information on the Surrey County Council website together with links to free resources and national guidance.

[Information on Mental Capacity Act 2005](#)



## 9. Good and outstanding care guide from Skills for Care



Following discussions with services rated good and outstanding and analysis of more than 250 CQC inspection reports, 'Skills for Care' have practical information for services wanting to continually improve.

Their good and outstanding care guide (available to download from the link below) gives a view of what really good care and support is, and critically how to make it happen. There is a section specifically on safeguarding.

It looks at the various ways that services rated as good and outstanding plan for inspection, deliver the care that is needed and celebrate their achievements.

[Skills for Care Good and Outstanding Care guide](#)

## 10. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)



A MARAC is a regular local meeting to discuss how to help victims at high risk of murder or serious harm. A domestic abuse specialist (Idva), police, children's social services, health and other relevant agencies all sit around the same table. They talk about the victim, the family and perpetrator, and share information. The meeting is confidential.

If you are a professional person involved in the care of adults at risk of abuse or neglect, you may get invited to a MARAC if there is a concern there is a high risk of murder or serious harm. You may like to know more about MARACs and how they work, there are resources and a training videos at:

<http://www.safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-marac-meetings/marac-videos>  
<http://www.safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-marac-meetings>

## 11. Safeguarding adults in Sport



Safeguarding adults is a responsibility for every sport and physical activity organisation. Getting this right will ensure a wider participation in sport or physical activity and ensure safe access for everyone.

The Ann Craft trust has a range of resources available to help. Please see their website for more information: [Safeguarding adults in sport resources from the Ann Craft Trust](#)

There are also resources available from the [Active Surrey website](#).

## 12. One Stop Surrey

If you know someone who would like a service to help them to stay independent, healthy and well, there is an easy, on-line system to access services.



The form is available online and can the person requesting the service can simply tick the box for the services they want. This could be anything from meals on wheels, care and repair services, local carer's support, fire safety, befriending schemes or how to avoid financial scams.

Click on the link below to use the form:

[One Stop Surrey online form](#)

## 13. Domestic Abuse service 'Stepping up'

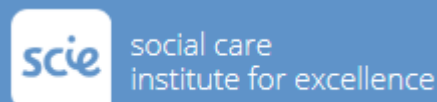


Domestic abuse will require a safeguarding response where the person experiencing the abuse is unable to protect themselves due to their care and support needs. In Surrey there is a service available to assist perpetrators to change their behaviour. **'Stepping Up'** is a help service for anyone in Surrey who wants to change the way they behave towards their partner. It consists of a series of tailor-made support sessions that will help them understand more about why they behave in that way and help them to change.

For more information see: [Stepping Up](#)



## 14. Making Safeguarding Personal



Ensuring safeguarding achieves the outcomes the adult at risk wants is an essential part of keeping people safe and supporting their wellbeing. Social Care Institute for Excellence have updated their personalisation e-learning. Aimed at social care professionals and people receiving social care support, the course explains personalisation and to explores what can be done to make personalisation happen.

[Personalisation e-learning](#)

## 15. GMC updated guidance on information sharing

The General Medical Council (GMC) has introduced revised, expanded and reorganised guidance on confidentiality for all doctors practising in the UK. The guidance 'Confidentiality: good practice in handling patient information' came into effect on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

Revisions have been made to the guidance, last published in 2009, following an extensive consultation exercise. While the principles of the current GMC guidance remain unchanged, it now clarifies:



- The public protection responsibilities of doctors, including when to make disclosures in the public interest.
- The importance of sharing information for direct care, recognising the multi-disciplinary and multi-agency context doctors work in.
- The circumstances in which doctors can rely on implied consent to share patient information for direct care.
- The significant role that those close to a patient can play in providing support and care, and the importance of acknowledging that role.

[Confidentiality: good practice in handling patient information \(2017\)](#)



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Link to SSAB webpages:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/surrey-safeguarding-adults-board](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surrey-safeguarding-adults-board)

Links to other useful websites:



[Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board](#)



[Health and Wellbeing Board Surrey](#)



[Healthwatch Surrey](#)

[Surrey Community Safety Partnerships](#)