



Safeguarding update (April 2018)

Dear Pharmacy Colleagues,

I am writing to let you know about some changes to the local safeguarding procedures that came into effect recently in Gloucestershire. It may be useful for you to print this message and any referenced documents/sites you find useful- and use them to update your safeguarding information in your clinical governance folder. Please make sure all registered staff (pharmacists, technicians and pre-regs) are aware of the updates as this is a requirement of your level 2 safeguarding.

I would also encourage you to use this opportunity to check that registered staff have completed level 2 safeguarding within the last 2 years and if not, log in to CPPE and refresh your knowledge. All other staff should complete level 1 safeguarding training. If you have internal company safeguarding training this probably meets Level 1 requirements, and if not then local level 1 safeguarding training can be accessed online.

E-Learning packages: Safeguarding Adults; Mental Capacity Act; Deprivation of Liberty

Online learning modules are available **free of charge** for anyone who lives or works in Gloucestershire. For log in details please contact trainingenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk for user name and password.



Children's Safeguarding

Gloucestershire now has one portal for raising safeguarding concerns about children. **This is the new 'front door'**. All enquiries or referrals should go through the front door- where they will then be directed to the most appropriate person/agency for resolution. The website www.GSCB.org.uk is the front door for online referrals and site of all documents and information, and the phone number **01452 426565** can be used for urgent referrals, for any child safeguarding enquiries or for professional support.

Adult Safeguarding

Adult safeguarding resources can still be accessed at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/GSAB or the professional support line is available on **01452 426868**.

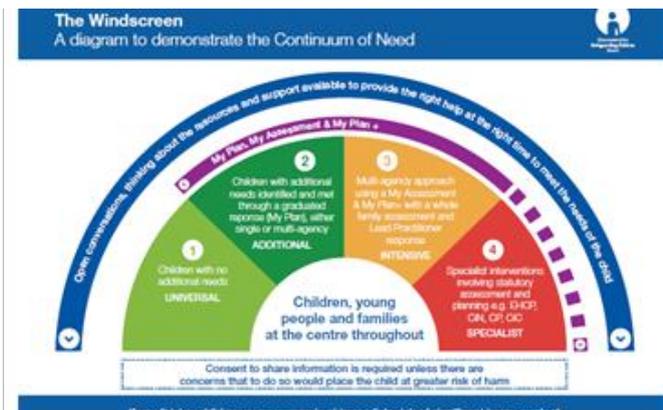
The Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Service also has a professional support number and that is **01452 726561**



Links to documents

'Working together to safeguard Children'- national guidance was updated and published in February 2018. This informs local policies <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/working-together-to-safeguard-children-revisions-to-statutory-guidance#history>

Gloucestershire 'levels of influence' guidance was updated in February 2018



The levels of influence document looks at the safeguarding needs of a child and suggests how the child should be supported. You will probably not need to know this in day to day practice unless you are asked to participate in a multidisciplinary team around a child who has a Plan or Plan+, but parents/carers or other healthcare professionals may talk about levels so it is useful to know about. The levels of influence document can be accessed through the www.GSCB.org.uk website.

A useful resource for **providing support to families** is www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk. This website not only gives healthcare professionals advice about how to refer families who may need or want support, but also lists lots of free activities and clubs for children which can be sorted by locality and age- so a useful resource for HLP.

www.GHLL.org.uk is a site that provides **healthy living and learning resources** for teachers, parents and children, so is not only another useful resource for HLP but has information to help raise awareness and understanding of CSE (sexual exploitation), hate crime, bullying and cyberbullying, sexting and many other issues that affect young people and put them at risk and in need of safeguarding support.

If anyone requires **Level 3 safeguarding training**, it can be accessed by emailing trainingenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk and requesting details of upcoming courses. Level 3 training is required for those who work in enhanced roles with children or vulnerable adults and is recommended for those who are safeguarding leads for their organisation. (e.g. superintendents).

*Thank you very much for your time
Kind regards
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