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East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board News Bulletin February 2024

This latest roundup includes the Pan-Sussex Safeguarding Policies and Procedures website update, Stop! Think Fraud, Social Work Week 2024, Sussex Police Exploitation Webinar, Migrant Help ESSAB training opportunities and more...

Have an interesting item? Please get in touch ESSAB.Contact@eastsussex.gov.uk

Pan-Sussex Safeguarding Policies and Procedures



We are pleased to share that our [Pan-Sussex Safeguarding Policies and Procedures website](#) now has a new section on Multi-Agency Working (section 1.1.3). This section sets out the expectations for multi-agency working when safeguarding adults.

The section is needed given our Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) across Sussex identify a need to improve on our practice approach to multi-agency working. We are hoping this new section will better support you to understand and work in collaboration with others when safeguarding adults.

Multi-agency working refers to a way of working that involves professionals from different agencies collaboratively combining their skills, expertise and knowledge, with the joint goal of meeting an adult's needs, including multiple and compound needs. Good communication, common goals, understanding and teamwork is essential for effective multi-agency working.

We hope that you find this new section useful and informative, and ask you to promote this widely within your organisations please, to help contribute to improvements in multi-agency working across the partnership, and a better safeguarding experience for adults experiencing abuse and/or neglect.

Social Work Week 2024

Social Work Week 2024 will take place from Monday 18 to Friday 22 March 2024, and will bring people together to learn, connect, and influence change. Now in its

fourth year, this will build on the previous discussions in past years. This includes recognising World Social Work Day on Tuesday 19 March.



Individuals and organisations from across the social work sector will be independently delivering free events online and across the country. These sessions can be booked [via the Social Work England website](#).

Stop! Think Fraud



Fraud accounts for almost 40% of all crime. In just one year, 1 in 17 adults in England and Wales were victims of fraud.

This month, the UK Government/Home Office launched the national 'Stop! Think Fraud' campaign and website – which is part of the Home Office's delivery of the [Fraud Strategy](#), which was published in May 2023.

[Visit the Stop! Think Fraud website](#). Protect yourself from fraud; How to spot fraud; Report a fraud; Recovery from fraud.

Mental Health (MH) Handbook

The recently developed [Mental Health Awareness Pack](#) lists services and training resources for ESCC Personal Assistants and other service providers for our residents.



This may be useful for new staff or volunteers in smaller VCSE organisations who work with clients who may have MH challenges or diagnoses. The handbook also includes a list of available free training. For any further information and to receive future updated versions of the pack contact:

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What is the East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership (ESSCP)?

The ESSCP have created a [super short video](#) (less than three minutes long) to quickly explain who they are, what they do, and why it's important to know about

the work of the partnership.



The hope is that the increased knowledge of the ESSCP will encourage access to their learning publications and local learning and practice developments. Which will then ultimately have a positive impact on practice and outcomes for children.

Migrant Help

Migrant Help, protect people affected by displacement and exploitation, helping them thrive as individuals and recover from their trauma. Migrant Help's core services include:

- Asylum Support
- Victims of Slavery and Human Trafficking Support
- Refugee Resettlement
- EU Settlement Scheme
- Clear Voice Interpreting Services



To find out more visit: [Migrant Help \(migranthelpuk.org\)](http://migranthelpuk.org).

Forced marriage online workshop

The Government's Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) is holding an online workshop for social care staff of all grades who may come into contact with victims of forced marriage. The session on 25th July is appropriate for staff safeguarding both child and adult victims. The workshop will include sessions on:

- understanding the risk
- how to work together to safeguard victims
- how to apply for a Forced Marriage Protection Order
- testimony from a survivor of forced marriage

[Forced marriage online workshop for social care staff](#)

Sussex Police Exploitation Webinar 14th March 2-4pm

Sussex Police Exploitation Team are offering a free, online webinar to all partners in Sussex. This webinar seeks to raise awareness around Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Organised Immigration Crime including the role of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) to help safeguard all potential victims.



This interactive session includes:

- Brief overview of Modern Slavery in the context of County Drug Lines, Serious Violence and Criminal Exploitation
- Case studies involving Labour Exploitation, Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Servitude, Organised Immigration Crime and Trafficking
- Myth busting and indicators of exploitation
- Top tips for victim support and local support services in Sussex

It will provide you with details on new trends, how to spot the signs, what action to take and preventative best practice. There will be opportunities to ask questions using the chat function and throughout the training.

To book a place on this free training, please contact exploitation@sussex.police.uk.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is coming up on 8th March! There are lots of events you can join to celebrate: [Eventbrite: International Women's Day Events & Activities](#)



NHS Sussex Healthcare Survey

NHS Sussex is conducting a survey to gather valuable insight into local people's experiences of health and care services.



Everyone living in Sussex is invited to take part in the survey. The information gathered will support improvements in the delivery of key services, including urgent, emergency care and primary care, which includes GP surgeries and dentists.

Get started by going to: [Let's Talk About Your Experiences of Health and Care in Sussex 2024 | Sussex Health and Care Your Say \(engagementhq.com\)](#)

East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) multi-agency training courses with places still available

Click on the link to see details of the course you are interested in. You will find the [course booking form](#) at the foot of each course description. You do not need an

account to make a course booking.

Courses may be delivered face to face or virtually so make sure you check the course details when booking.

[03.04.2024 & 20.06.24: Coercion and Control: A multi-agency workshop for staff working with Domestic Abuse ASC/24/120](#)

[04.04.2024: Modern Slavery Awareness Workshop: ASC/24/128](#)

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