

**East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board Monthly Digest**

**July 2023**

This latest roundup includes the Refreshed Sussex SAR Protocol, Alcohol Awareness Week, Scam’s Awareness Week, Co-Production Week, Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week, Project Kraken, Honour Based Abuse Awareness Day, and upcoming Training opportunities.

Have an interesting item? Please get in touch [**ESSAB.Contact@eastsussex.gov.uk**](mailto:ESSAB.Contact@eastsussex.gov.uk)

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Refreshed Sussex SAR Protocol

The Sussex Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Protocol has been updated in collaboration with the three SAR Subgroups of the three Sussex Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs).

There have been a couple of changes which we would like to make you aware of:

* The criterion for a SAR has now been aligned to the Care Act 2014 wording which now states *that the death was as a result of abuse and neglect* and not that abuse, and neglect was a factor in the death (the previous wording in the protocol).
* Details on the arrangements for endorsing a SAR when an Independent Chair may not be in post.
* Improvements have been made to the SAR Referral Form which will improve information the referrer initially provides which supports the SAR criteria.
* The timescale for completing a review has been amended from 6 months to 9 months to reflect the average time a review takes to complete.

The refreshed protocol and referral form are now available on our website:

* [**SAR Referral Form**](https://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/SAR-Referral-Form-2023.docx)
* [**Sussex SAR Protocol**](https://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Sussex-SAR-Protocol-2023.pdf)
* [**SAR Referral Learning Briefing**](https://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/SAR-Referral-Learning-Briefing-2023-ammended-Protocol-link.pdf)

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This year's [**Alcohol Awareness Week**](https://alcoholchange.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/alcohol-awareness-week-1) takes place from 3-9 July 2023, focusing on the theme of 'Alcohol and cost'.

The harm caused by alcohol affects millions of people every year in the form of health problems, financial worries, relationship breakdown and family difficulties. It brings with it huge social costs too with the significant pressure it places on the NHS, the emergency services, police, and workplaces.

The total social cost of alcohol to society is estimated to be at least £21 billion each year. We as individuals also spend tens of thousands of pounds on average on alcohol over the course of a lifetime.

But the personal costs are much starker with alcohol death rates increasing to the highest rate since records began since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, and millions more people suffering from worsened mental and physical health every day as a result of harmful drinking.

The cost-of-living crisis has also played a key role in causing some people to drink more than they’d like to cope with worries around the crisis.

But the cost of alcohol to individuals, our relationships, our families, and our stretched vital public services doesn’t have to be so high.

We can all take steps to make a change. And with improved support and prevention, we can save money and save lives.

If you or someone you know requires local drug and alcohol advice and support please see our list of services [**here**](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/social-care/health-advice/mental-health/east-sussex-mental-health-directory/drugs-alcohol).   
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**Scam’s Awareness Campaign**

Every year, Citizen’s Advice run [**Scams Awareness campaign**](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/our-work/our-campaigns/awareness-raising-campaigns/scams-awareness-campaign/)which is taking place 3rd - 9th July. The campaign aims to create a network of confident, alert consumers who know what to do when they spot a scam.

5 types of scams you should be aware of are:

1. Home improvement scams
2. Friend-in-need scams
3. Online shopping scams
4. Used car scams
5. Financial scams

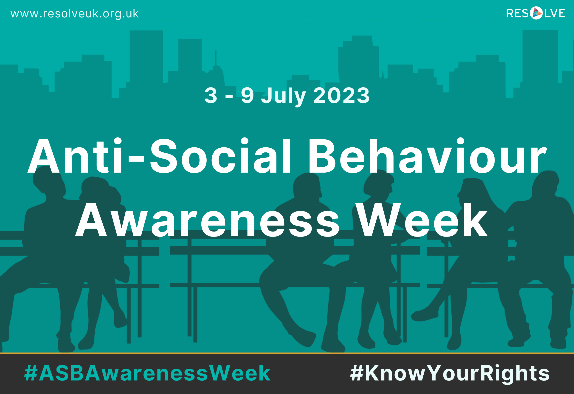
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**Co-production week**

National Co-production Week is taking place 03rd – 7th July 2023 which celebrates the benefits of co-production, sharing good practice and promoting the contribution of people who use services and carers in developing better public services. This year’s theme is Co-production in the real world.  
  
The term 'co-production' describes working in partnership by sharing power between people who draw on care and support, carers, families and citizens.

Check out [**SCIE’s Co-production video**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbShL4YZvZ0) on what it is and how to do it.

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**Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week**

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week is taking place 3rd - 9th July 2023. The theme for 2023 is ‘Know Your Rights’, with a particular focus on the ASB Case Review - a powerful tool for victims of ASB that only 6% of people know about.

If you are a victim of repeat ASB, and if you have reported this (usually 3 times) and are unsatisfied with the response or lack thereof, you can request an ASB Case Review.

This will demand that agencies (including local authorities, the police, local health teams and registered providers of social housing) come together to hold a multi-agency partnership meeting and review:

* how the ASB case has been handled
* what actions have been taken
* how effective these actions have been
* what else the partners can do to tackle the ASB and support the victim.

As a victim you have the right to have your views represented at the meeting, and at the meeting an action plan to stop the ASB will be drafted and shared with the victim.

Each area chooses a lead agency to manage the process. This is usually the council or police.

You can use this [**Directory**](https://asbhelp.co.uk/ct-directory/)to see how to request an ASB Case Review in your area (since it varies slightly depending on where you live). Your local [**police**](https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-us/) or local [**council**](https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council) will also be able to provide you with further information about the anti-social behaviour case review process in your area.

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**Project Kraken**

The Sussex Anti-Slavery Network and Sussex Police are keen for local partners to promote Project Kraken and the Report It Sort It Campaign which encourages members of the public to report suspicious activity around our coastline.

[**Project Kraken**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/report-suspicious-behaviour-at-sea-project-kraken) is a joint law enforcement operation tackling maritime border crime. Coastal crime is any crime that has an impact on, or happens around, our coasts and borders, including smaller ports, docks, and marinas. Crimes include theft, smuggling, criminal damage, and human trafficking.

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**Honour Based Abuse Awareness Day**

14th July marks National Honour Based Abuse Awareness Day, in honour of Shafilea Ahmed and all victims and survivors of honour-based abuse. Shafilea Ahmed was killed by her family in an honour based killing in Bradford in 2003, when she was just 17. Every year, specialist service Karma Nirvana holds a [**Day of Memory**](https://karmanirvana.org.uk/campaigns/day-of-memory/day-of-memory-2023/).

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**Safeguarding Training**

We currently have spaces on the following training courses:

## **Coercion and Control: multi-agency workshop for staff working with Domestic Abuse**

This workshop is for professionals who work with children, families, and adults, to learn about the nature of coercion and control within a domestic abuse relationship and have an opportunity to share their experiences.  Staff should complete the 3 Domestic Abuse e-learning modules and the Coercion and Control e-learning module before attending.

Course dates and times:

* 26th October 2023 – 9:30am-16:30pm via MS Teams

## **Domestic Abuse: SAB multi-agency training: DASH, MARAC, and Safety Planning**

Presented by Change Grow Live Domestic Abuse trainers, to provide an update on domestic abuse, exploring:

* Domestic abuse including coercion and control.
* Professional curiosity in assessing risk, safety planning.
* Stalking and 'honour'-based violence.
* High risk indicators (DASH) risk assessment tool.
* Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)
* Safety Planning

Course dates and times:

* 20th October 2023 – 09:30am – 20th October 2023 via MS Teams

## **Modern Slavery Awareness Workshop**

This workshop offers an opportunity for professionals to explore the context, prevalence, and types of modern slavery, spot the signs and indicators of different types of exploitation and consider the relevant legislation and legal responsibilities. Staff should complete the modern slavery eLearning course before attending.

Course dates and times:

* 26th September 2023

## **Mental Capacity Act 2005: A Multi-Agency Approach to Complex Cases**

This workshop is designed to supplement existing Mental Capacity Act training.   For professionals who are required to conduct or contribute to mental capacity assessments and make best interest decisions in complex cases.

Course dates and times:

* 26th September 2023 – 9:30am – 12:00pm via MS Teams
* 6th November 2023 – 09:30am – 12:00pm via MS Teams

## **Safeguarding Adults Board Multi-Agency: Self Neglect**

This workshop uses research to support staff involved in the planning and delivery of interventions that support self-neglecting individuals.

Course dates, value and times:

* 24th July 2023 – 09:30 – 12:00 Via MS Teams
* 24th October 2023 - 09:30 – 12:00 Via MS Teams
* 14th February 2024 – 9:30am – 12:00 Via MS Teams

To find out more, please visit: [**Safeguarding | East Sussex County Council**](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/jobs/learning-portal/adult-social-care-training/safeguarding#Coercion%20and%20Control:%20A%20multi-agency%20workshop%20for%20staff%20working%20with%20Domestic%20Abuse)

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**Raising a Safeguarding Concern**

No-one should have to live with abuse or neglect - it is always wrong, whatever the circumstances. Anybody can raise a safeguarding concern for themselves or another person. Don’t assume that ‘*someone else is doing something’* about the situation.

You can raise a concern in the following ways:

**Phone:**      0345 60 80 191 (8am to 8pm 7 days a week, including bank holidays)

**Email:** [hscc@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:hscc@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Online:** Via the form on the [East Sussex County Council website](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/socialcare/worried/report/)

**Text:**          07797 878 111

In an emergency, stay safe and call 999, You can contact the police on 101 for non-emergencies. Find out more in our [Safeguarding Leaflet](https://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pan-Sussex-Six-Boards.pdf)**.**

Our [Pan-Sussex Safeguarding Adults Threshold Guidance](https://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Sussex-Safeguarding-Adults-Thresholds-Guidance.pdf)contains information on signs and indicators of abuse and neglect and guidance on what should be reported as a safeguarding concern.

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