



Cheshire East SAB Newsletter

Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board (CESAB) Update for Information

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Welcome to the Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter. We hope that you find this newsletter a useful tool, and that it helps to keep you up to date with some of the local and national issues in relation to safeguarding adults at risk of abuse and neglect.

Please do not hesitate to contact CESAB with any queries or information you would like to submit to be used in future newsletters. Contact details at the bottom of this page.

1. Service User Group

Members of the Service User Subgroup met in March to design resources to support Adult Safeguarding Professionals with Making Safeguarding Personal. It was a great meeting, 14 members attended all with lived experience/ caring responsibilities.

For more information about the Service User Subgroup email lsab@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Making Safeguarding Personal Resources will available later this Spring



Members of the Service User Group

2. Autism and Alcohol Use

[The Society for the Study of Addiction](#) have produced [two-part podcast](#) on autism and addiction with contributors Professors Julia Sinclair and Sam Chamberlain, and Dr Janine Robinson and Chris Torry - who are part of the Society for the Study of Addiction's [SABAA: Substance use, Alcohol and Behavioural Addictions in Autism](#)

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3. Enhance The UK

Anyone can experience physical, emotional or sexual abuse. [But research shows that disabled people may be more at risk of experiencing violence, bullying or controlling behaviour.](#)

Neurodiverse people also have higher risks of experiencing sexual violence. This may be a result of difficulty negotiating social cues, a strong desire to be accepted, or not understanding consent.

A [study reported](#) that 70% of adults with autism spectrum conditions (ASC) reported experiencing some forms of sexual victimisation after they turned 14 and into adulthood, compared to 45% of adults without ASC. Yet despite all this, there is a lack of awareness around the impact of sexual violence on disabled people.

The abuse may happen through a relationship or it could be inflicted by a person who a disabled person relies on for care or assistance. Due to a lack of healthy sex education, sometimes people may not understand that they are experiencing sexual violence.

Abusers may use threats, coercion or gaslighting, which can make situations more confusing. Understanding the role of consent is vital, although some disabilities can make it difficult to communicate feeling uncomfortable, or to withdraw consent. It can also be much harder for disabled people to report abuse.

They may face challenges in accessing services to make a report, or their abuser may remove communication tools they need to be able to get help. It can be difficult to know where you can go to access help or report a sexual violence crime. There is also less awareness around where to find support groups or networks. [Enhance the UK](#) aims to highlight this issue and raise awareness of where people can go to access help and the impact of sexual violence on disabled people.

4. Hollie Guard

[Cheshire Police](#) have been working with the Hollie Gazzard Trust to keep people safe across Cheshire East. The Constabulary are encouraging members of the public to download a safety app, called Hollie Guard, which turns your smart phone into an advanced personal safety device. To download the app please visit the [Hollie Guard website](#).

5. Valuable Updates and Resources

- Clouds End [Hoarding Stuff Podcast - Some Swift Advice](#)
- [Responding to self-neglect](#) – A short Youtube film by Lambeth SAB
- [Get Safe Online March Campaign](#) covers aspects of vehicle fraud.
- [What is Economic Abuse?](#) – A short film by [Surviving Economic Abuser](#)
- [Information & Resources for professionals](#) – Surviving Economic Abuse
- Alzheimer's Society have launched a new advert, [The Ultimate Vow](#) to raise public awareness and support.
- Clouds End are offering [free webinars](#) as part of National Hoarding Awareness Week 15th – 19th May.

6. Reminder - Complex Safeguarding Forum

A few practitioners were not aware of CE Complex Safeguarding Forum so attached is a copy of the policy and the referral form. This year's dates for the forum are below and referrals need to be submitted at least 10 days before the meetings :

6th April
18th May
27th July
14th September
26th October
7th December

If the adult at high risk from complex safeguarding continues to refuse support and there are increasing concerns that they may come to significant harm or die, please refer to the High Risk/ Safeguarding Forum. It is essential that your manager is notified before making a referral.

Please email referrals to the ComplexSafeguarding@Cheshireeast.gov.uk

7. Safer Cheshire East Partnership – Annual Report 2022-23

The Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP) has a statutory responsibility for Community Safety across Cheshire East. Partners of SCEP include the Police, Fire, Health, Probation, Council and the voluntary sector to provide a strategic approach to reduce levels of crime and increase public reassurance.

The Annual Report provides information on the key duties of SCEP including, how key priorities including Domestic Abuse, Violence Against Women and Girls, Road Safety, Fraud and Serious

Organised Crime have been identified and more importantly how partner agencies are working collectively to address these and other community safety issues. The SCEP Annual Report, highlights the responsibilities and work of the various sub-groups of SCEP each designed to specialise in addressing priority themes. Evidence is also provided on how the allocation of annual funding obtained through the Police and Crime Commissioners office is distributed to partners with information on how the delivery directly impacts on specific community safety concerns.

The Report is the first of its kind produced, with members keen to raise the profile of SCEP demonstrate Cheshire East Council is actively working closely with partners to make Cheshire East a safer place to both live and work.

Further details about SCEP are available on their website where a copy of the Annual report will be available once approved by Committee
[Safer East Cheshire Partnership \(contensis.com\)](https://www.contensis.com)

8. Knife Angel

Knife Crime has become a national concern and been identified as a priority for Police and partners for Cheshire East. This has resulted in a focus been placed on Crewe to host Knife Angel in May 2023. The emotive sculpture is formed of 100,000 knives all collected via a national knife amnesty and will be on display in Crewe throughout the campaign being scheduled for May 2023.

Over the past two years the [Knife Angel](#) has toured the UK raising awareness of violence, aggression and knife crime. It has proved to be a catalyst for meaningful engagement, dispelling myths, strengthening community relationships with police and agencies, and driving forward a step change.

Planning is well under way with partners from Crewe Town Council, Cheshire East Council, local community groups, businesses, charities along with other partner agencies to develop and deliver a programme of intensive activity over a 28-day period. Schools across Crewe will be heavily involved to engage in programmes bespoke to the Crewe community addressing 'knife crime' together with a comprehensive process of evaluation.

9. Training Update

Working in partnership with colleagues from Cheshire East Licensing department the Boards trainers have developed a level 1 Adult and Children's Safeguarding awareness session. Working in partnership with colleagues from Cheshire East Licensing department the Boards trainers have developed a level 1 Adult and Children's Safeguarding awareness session. Following a change in November 2022 it is now mandatory for all licensed drivers to undertake the training before renewal of their licence and for all new applicants to have undertaken it as a condition of obtaining a licence. Sessions have been held in Crewe and Macclesfield and more are to be scheduled throughout the coming year.



Paul Broadhurst delivering training session at Municipal Buildings

10. Health and Social Care Courses at Keele University

[The School of Law at Keele](#) offers a range of MA programmes designed for health or social care professionals, including an [MA in Safeguarding Adults: Law, Policy, and Practice](#), an [MA in Advanced Social Care Law](#), and an [MA in Child Care Law and Practice](#). Some of the advantages of studying these programmes include:

- Study flexibly and at your own pace - you can take between 1-5 years to complete the MA.
- Modules taught on an intensive block basis which is suited to professionals in full or part time employment.
- Exit at any point with either postgraduate credits, a postgraduate certificate, or a postgraduate diploma.

- Study modules on a standalone basis for CPD purposes.

Some of the offered on the programmes include:

MA Safeguarding Adults: Law, Policy and Practice	MA Child Care Law and Practice	MA Advanced Social Care Law
The Emergence of Adult Safeguarding	Foundations and Principles of Child Care Law and Practice	Principles of Social Care Law
Safeguarding: Interventions	Contemporary Issues in Child Care Law and Practice	+ another 3 modules from the previous lists.
Mental Capacity Law	Children and Medicine	
Safeguarding and Carers	Looked After Children	
Mental Health Law	Mental Health Law	
International Refugee Protection	International Refugee Protection	

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