



Cheshire West and Chester
Safeguarding Children
Partnership

Covid-19 Newsletter 2:
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As another week draws to a close, we want to thank you again for all the great work you continue to do and the creative ways you are finding to do them. As a Partnership we're heartened by the collective response we've seen and that real sense of everyone being "in this together". It was a privilege to join thousands of people at 8pm last night to show our gratitude and applaud our key workers for their fantastic efforts.



Thank you

We said we would bring you weekly newsletters during this pandemic as things are changing day to day. All of the information contained in this newsletter can now be found on our website at <https://www.cheshirewestscp.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Practice Standards for the workforce

These standards have been refreshed to reflect the following changes:

- Guidance in the undertaking of Rapid Review meetings following a Serious Incident Notification. It was agreed by the partnership that, for now, there will be NO CHANGE to our efforts to meet the 15-days timeframe. Meetings will continue to take place virtually. On reflection, I think we will need to give consideration to the direct involvement of frontline practitioners as this could prove challenging for them when they are isolated from their teams/Managers. I will note this for next week's discussion.
- Update from Leighton Hospital in the section Child Protection Medicals.



Covid-19
Multi-Agency Practice

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Child Protection Conference Guidance

This guidance supplements the Practice Standards for all staff who attend Child Protection Conferences.



Child Protection
Practitioners Guide

Safeguarding Induction Booklet for new starters and volunteers

We're pleased to be able to share our refreshed Safeguarding Induction Booklet and ask that all services who are recruiting new staff and volunteers include this as part of all inductions. It's vital that everyone is supported to recognise and know how to respond to safeguarding concerns as they go about their tasks, and now more than ever.



Safeguarding
Induction Booklet (4).pdf

As a reminder, our e-learning courses remain accessible to the workforce too.

- [E-Learning Safeguarding Training](#)

Wellbeing

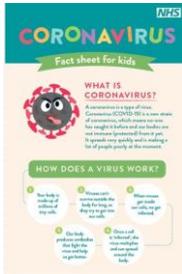
Since last week, more great support services have been identified and we hope it's helpful for you to have them all in one place so here's the refreshed Wellbeing Guide.



Wellbeing Resources
for Children and Adults

Resources to use with children.

All of these resources (click of the pictures below) plus the ones we posted last week can now be found on our webpage <https://www.cheshirewestscp.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

 <p>Children's guide to coronavirus</p> <p>This is a great resource from the Children's Commissioner with loads of ideas to keep children occupied as well.</p>	 <p>CORONAVIRUS Fact sheet for kids</p> <p>WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS? A coronavirus is a type of virus. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus, which means it's new. It's caught by touching and can be passed on to someone who hasn't got it yet. It spreads very quickly and is making a lot of people sick in the community.</p> <p>HOW DOES A VIRUS WORK? 1. You breathe in a cloud of tiny particles. 2. The virus gets into your body. 3. The virus starts to multiply and spread. 4. You start to feel unwell and you might get a cough or a sore throat.</p> <p>Developed by Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust view an animation showing the same information here.</p>	<p>The National Autistic Society (NAS) has published resources for people with autism of all ages.</p> <p>Resources for autistic people and families</p>
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There's also useful information about how to go about having difficult conversations with children which can be found at British Psychological Society [Talking to children about Coronavirus](#)

Other Useful Information

Guidance for Schools and Childcare Settings - The Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) have published updated guidance.

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): implementing social distancing in education and childcare settings](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safeguarding in schools, colleges and other providers](#)
- [School governance update March 2020](#)

Help for Parents & Carers - Emerging Minds, in collaboration with the University of Reading and the University of Oxford, has published evidence-based advice for parents and carers supporting children and young people with worries about Coronavirus. A resource list from trusted sources is also available which includes links grouped by age category and resources for children and young people with specific needs.

- [Supporting children and young people with worries about COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Recommended resources](#)

Information for Families with Disabled Children - Contact, the charity for families with disabled children, has updated its advice and support page with information relating to Coronavirus.

- <https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/coronavirus-information-for-families-with-disabled-children/>

News from our Commissioned Service Young Addaction –

This newsletter details the approach taken during the Covid-19 outbreak, includes resources for professionals to use.



YoungAddaction Pan
Cheshire Newsletter -

New Ways of Working trauma informed response to COVID-19



New Ways of
Working Covid 19 Gu

Open the Door campaign is as important as ever - At times like this, when individuals and families are forced to stay at home due to the Coronavirus, we need to be even more aware and mindful of those people who might not be safe and happy in their home and relationships. You can speak confidentially to our [Domestic Abuse Intervention and Prevention Team](#) on 0300 123 7047.

Stay safe this weekend
From your Safeguarding Children Partnership Team

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