

Board Update

Following the outbreak of Covid-19 the Board agreed that much of the work undertaken by the WSAB would be placed on hold, as the priority should be for stakeholders to deliver frontline services.

Frontline safeguarding services continue to operate across Worcestershire.

Statutory WSAB partners are holding fortnightly meetings to ensure emergency plans address safeguarding risks and identify any issues emerging through this situation. They also regularly reviewing the role of the WSAB as things move forward.

During this situation, it was agreed that the WSAB newsletter would be sent out on a monthly basis. This is to ensure stakeholders are kept up to date with Covid-19 information. It will also help to avoid overwhelming people with other information which could get lost in their mailbox's.

The WSAB business team have set up a separate Covid-19 page in the News section of the Website. This page will be regularly updated and will include details of any Covid-19 specific guidance; alongside advice and resources to address any emerging safeguarding issues arising through this situation. A link to the page can be found here:

[**WSAB Covid-19 Information Page**](#)

Covid-19 Information which can currently be found on this page includes:

- Guidance and Resources for addressing [Domestic Abuse](#)
- Advice and local flyers for addressing the rise in [Scams](#)
- National Government Covid-19 guidance regarding [MCA and DoLs](#)
- Government Guidance for Local Authorities on easements to the Care Act during the current Covid-19 situation: [Care Act easements](#)

The Government and SCiE have set up a Covid 19 resource hub. This has a safeguarding section which includes guidance and training. It can be accessed via the following link:

[SCiE - Safeguarding & Covid 19](#)

Can we remind people to encourage those with health and support need to register with the County Councils 'Here to Help' site via the following link: [Here to Help](#)

Finally, in recognition of the important role that our carers play, especially at time such as these could we share a link to a poem written and performed by the Chairman of WCC, Cllr Peter Tomlinson [Blessed are They](#)

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