

Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) /Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) Updates Since September 2023

HSAB

Trix

In September HSAB moved its policy and procedures guidance to the online 'Trix' platform.

- You will be able to access Trix via the HSAB webpage and you do not need login details to access the platform.
- Trix provides a platform to host their trusted procedures that underpin social care practice and the safeguarding partnership and board responsibilities, promoting the best possible outcomes for vulnerable adults. The Policy and Procedures are intended for use by all practitioners, volunteers, services, and partner agencies in Hertfordshire.
- The platform is user friendly and easy to navigate. Once you have accessed Trix you will see there is a 'Amendments' tab which will notify you of any amendments that have been made to any of the policies.

7 Minute Briefings

These are shared once a month and topics all relate to themes that have come out of Safeguarding Adult Reviews. Topics covered have been:

- Escalation
- Fire Safety
- Professional Curiosity

Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn sessions on Fire Safety have been offered and are facilitated by Lauren Merritt, Vulnerable Person's Team Leader from the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. These sessions will cover:

- Improving the understanding of Fire Risks in the home including hoarding, smoking, emollient creams.
- Services offered by Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
- The importance of multi-agency working
- What service are offered by the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
- How to refer people for Home Fire Safety Visits.

Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2022-23 is available to view on the HSAB website.

[hsab-annual-report-22-23.pdf \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](#)

HSCP

Child Protection Medicals

The HSCP, Hertfordshire Community Trust and East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust have developed a guidance document for patients and carers relating to Child Protection Medicals. Please see [CP medicals article for HSCP \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](#)

HSCP Lunch and Learn

HSCP were running Lunch & Learn sessions on Female Genital Mutilation by Dr Olive Hayes, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children ICB and Jen Sarsby, Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children ICB, are facilitating the sessions on FGM to share their knowledge and expertise, to help professionals become more informed. These were cancelled and dates will be rearranged.

Annual Report

The annual report for 2022-23 is available to view on the HSCP website.

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HSAB & HSCP

HSAB and HSCP Winter 2023 Newsletter

The newsletter key highlights are:

- Water safety for children
- Key insights to inform thinking on the proposed mandatory reporting duty in England and Wales for disclosures of child sexual abuse.
- Online Safety Act has received Royal Assent putting rules to make the internet safer in the UK, into law. The Act initiates Ofcom's new powers and places legal responsibility on tech companies to prevent and remove illegal content, such as bullying, content promoting self-harm and eating disorders and pornography.
- Launch of Support for Dads webpage.
- HSCP Outcome Bees Framework is available for use across all partners that Hertfordshire County Council work with.
- Cuckooing Survey has now closed, and the results will be shared in due course and the public facing campaign launched in January 2024
- HSAB/HSCP Housing Conference was attended by around 150 colleagues, who explored themes of Domestic Abuse, Fire Safety and Mental Capacity.
- Safe and Well visits from Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service can be requested by anyone and all professionals can refer people for advice on fire safety.
- HSAB Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) can be viewed on their website.
- The platform to access HSAB procedures online, was launched and training sessions will be available in 2024.

HSAB & HSCP Learning Hubs

The Learning Hub is an important two-way feedback loop between front line practitioners and the Strategic Safeguarding Partnership/Board, ensuring learning on priority issues is shared and acted on at all levels in a timely way.

In March 2024 the focus is on Trauma Informed Practice and training sessions are aimed at all professionals working with adults, children, and families.