



North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board

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What we need from you:

We would love to hear from you.

What would you like to see in these newsletters?

Practice Issues/ good multi-agency safeguarding work? Key safeguarding topics? Learning from SARs?

We would also like to be able to promote and share non-urgent items here.

Is there anything you would like to see at the board meetings? Would your organisation be able to present what they do?

Please email: SABmanager@n-somerset.gov.uk

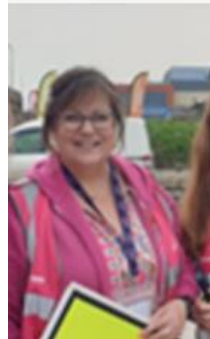
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government:

In November, MHCLG invited people working across rough sleeping, social care and safeguarding to share their insights at two webinars. Topics included executive function & brain injury, homelessness fatality reviews, multi-agency risk panels, self-neglect etc. MHCLG have managed to get the recordings and slides hosted online and have broken them up by speaker, creating a really nice resource.

Welcome to our safeguarding adult's newsletter. Please share widely within your organisation. All our newsletters are available on the NSSAB website [Adult Safeguarding Board](#) | [Adult Safeguarding Board](#).

Introductions

Lynn Trigg - Homeless Prevention Team Manager North Somerset Council



I started working for North Somerset Council (Woodspring District Council as it was then) in 1982 in the Treasury department and a year later moved to Housing, calculating council tenants housing benefit entitlements. In 1999 when Housing Benefit was outsourced to Liberata, I applied for a different job in the Council and that was when I moved over to homelessness. I have worked in homelessness since then and have been the manager of the Homeless Prevention Team since 2005. As you can see, I have a lot of experience of homelessness and rough sleeping that I can contribute to the group. My role is a very busy one, but no two days are the same and this is probably one reason why I have stuck with it so long. I am very much a family person and when I'm not working, I spend as much time as I can with my 5 grandchildren. However, like the next person I love a holiday with friends and try and get away 2 or 3 times a year.

Denise Moorhouse - Director of Nursing and Deputy Chief Nursing Officers within the BNSSG ICB



As well as being the Designated Safeguarding Partner (DSP) for North Somerset adults, Denise is also the DSP in South Gloucestershire (Children and adults) providing a broad perspective on safeguarding. She is committed to ensuring effective safeguarding measures throughout the system and to optimising opportunities to further integrate with partners in order to serve the BNSSG population.

Outside of her professional work, Denise is married with two grown up daughters, a school governor and is a non-expert supporter of Bath Rugby Club.

Working across housing, social care and safeguarding to tackle long-term rough sleeping: webinar - GOV.UK

Partners in Care and Health resources

Exploring discriminatory abuse - [Discriminatory Abuse Self-Assessment Tool](#)

[Radical Safeguarding Toolkit - Homelessness](#) is introduced as a lens with which discriminatory abuse can be viewed, showcasing how social justice campaigns influence safeguarding practices to challenge discrimination and inequality.

Have you thought about Professional Curiosity?

This a toolkit that is intended to prompt professional curiosity. This is a great resource that has been completed by Leah Collinson and shared with the national board managers' network. Please do take a look and use this as required, it is aimed to complement local resources.



Professional Curiosity Resource -

Safeguarding Adult Review and Learning:

[Safeguarding Adult Review: Adult AT and Adult AS](#) - The SAR includes questions which could be used in for reflective practice/supervision or training sessions. The SAR draws on reflections of how we can encourage community awareness of abuse and neglect. This is something NSSAB are working on developing and new community flyers will be launched over the next few months.

World Social Work Day:

Social Work Week 2025 will take place from Monday 17 to Friday 21 March 2025, and will coincide with World Social Work Day on Tuesday 18 March 2025. This year's theme is 'Strengthening Intergenerational Solidarity for Enduring Wellbeing', which emphasises the importance of caring and respecting across generations to build strong societies, sustain the environment, and share wisdom for a better future.



The Assisted Dying Bill

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is currently progressing through the UK Parliament. It started in the House of Commons and has passed through several stages, including the first and second readings, committee stage, and report stage. It is now in the House of Lords, where it has also passed the first and second readings and is currently at the committee stage.

You can track the progress of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on the UK Parliament's official website. The bill's progress, including all stages it has passed through in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, is recorded there. **Click here for more information: [Assisted Dying](#)**

The bill includes several safeguarding controls to ensure the process is safe and ethical:

1. Eligibility: Only adults aged 18 or over, diagnosed with a terminal illness expected to result in death within six months, can apply
2. Voluntary and Informed Decision: The individual must make a voluntary, clear, settled, and informed wish to end their own life, confirmed by two doctors
3. Declaration: The individual must sign a declaration in the presence of an independent witness, which is then countersigned by an attending doctor and an independent doctor
4. Judicial Oversight: The High Court (Family Division) must approve all cases to ensure compliance and protect vulnerable individuals
5. Self-Administration: The patient must self-administer the prescribed life-ending medication, ensuring the final act remains their own choice
6. Healthcare Professional Participation: Healthcare professionals are not obligated to participate in the process, preserving individual ethical considerations



SAR Spotlight
Adults AS and AT 18

Dudley SAB Thematic review on self-neglect (passive suicide). [Thematic SAR Self Neglect, Learning Summary - Published 22.11.2022.pdf](#)

This report considers the early deaths of five people, who had all experienced traumatic things in their lives that led to their neglect of their own care and wellbeing. This was seen as **“passive suicide”**. The report found that to address self-neglect and promote wellbeing, practitioners needed to address the underlying **trauma** in people’s lives, using a **whole family and Think Family approach**.

SARs and Coronial Processes Best Practice Guidance

This guidance has been developed by the National Safeguarding Adults Board Manager Network in response to feedback from Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) and learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) that the interface between SARs and Coronial Processes can be difficult to navigate.



National SAB
Guidance on the Inter

Violence Reduction Partnership

Violence Reduction Partnership has had funding confirmed from the Home Office for 2025-26 and are developing their new delivery plan proposals for central government approval. To ensure the proposal is well informed, they are asking for feedback from colleagues and partner agencies. Please

These safeguards aim to balance compassion with robust measures against misuse, ensuring the process is conducted with the utmost care and respect for the individuals involved.

Training and Learning opportunities

Free Training for North Somerset Providers

North Somerset Council Learning Directory

This is a great resource and a good one to have saved on your desktops. [North Somerset Learning Directory March 2025.pdf](#)

Research in Practice, supported by Partners in Care & Health and others have scheduled a Supporting the Transition to Adulthood:

Wednesday **26 March** 2025, 1:30pm- 4:45pm. This online conference is a space for managers and leaders across the children’s and adults’ sectors to share ideas and experiences of effective collaboration and innovation. To register, please click the link below: <https://www.ncb.org.uk/about-us/media-centre/news-opinion/upcoming-online-conference-supporting-transition-adulthood>

Domestic Abuse Awareness and Modern Slavery via Somerset Council:

Anyone interested in completing this training will need to follow the link here [Domestic Abuse Awareness and Modern Slavery](#) and sign up using their professional email.

Understanding Domestic Abuse: Delivered by Next Link:

- [book Thursday 13 March 2025](#)
- [book Wednesday 2 April 2025](#)
- [book Thursday 3 June 2025](#)



complete their consultation and share your views. Feel free to share with colleagues working with young people and families in North Somerset. [North Somerset VRP 2025/26 Delivery Planning](#)

Upcoming events:

Business Planning - 25th March 11.45pm - 12.45pm

Quarterly Board Meeting - 25th March 2025 1pm-3pm.

Children's Partnership: Free adolescent safety framework training sessions

<https://nsscp.co.uk/free-adolescent-safety-framework-training-sessions>

- [book Thursday 20 March 2025](#)
- [book Thursday 12 June 2025](#)

North Somerset Council Public Health Training:

Public Health offer free mental health related training for people working or volunteering in North Somerset. The training is funded by North Somerset Council Public Health.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/public-mental-health-training-team-26311555585>



The poster is titled 'FREE ADOLESCENT SAFETY FRAMEWORK TRAINING SESSIONS' and features the NSSCP logo. It lists workshop dates: 16th January (9:30-12:30), 6th Feb (venue TBC), 22nd March (9:30-12:30), 12th June (1:30-4:30), and 19th June (1:30-4:30). It includes a list of objectives for attendees, such as understanding the ASF framework and identifying their role in changing culture. Logos for North Somerset Council, Healthier Together, and NHS are at the bottom.