



NEWSLETTER

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Who Should Read this Newsletter?

Everyone with an interest in safeguarding adults, enabling them to live their lives free from abuse and neglect, to access and receive appropriate care. We hope this newsletter is a useful resource for you to receive information regarding safeguarding adults, keeping you up-to-date, sharing good practice and important information. Please feel free to share this newsletter across your organisation.

National Safeguarding Adults Week 2019

National Safeguarding Adults Week took place 18th - 24th November. The aim of the week was to raise everyone's awareness of what safeguarding means and the many situations in which it can arise. Partners from the local authority, health, emergency services and others carried out a range of awareness-raising activities through out the week including:

- Use of social media to share safeguarding messages to colleagues and public, using the hashtag **#SafeguardingAdultsWeek**
- Face-to-face awareness-raising sessions on topics such as:
 - Key messages from recent local safeguarding reviews and domestic homicide reviews
 - Professional curiosity
 - Identifying an adult at risk of abuse or neglect, raising a safeguarding concern and carrying out Adult Needs Assessments
- Displaying awareness-raising safeguarding adults posters and using TV screen messages in waiting areas to promote safeguarding information
- Re-launching SSAB's [Self-Neglect Guidance](#)

Further information regarding National Safeguarding Adults Week 2020 will be communicated next year.

[Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board \(SSAB\)](#) is a multi-agency partnership providing strategic leadership for adult safeguarding across the City of Sunderland to promote the welfare of adults at risk of abuse and neglect, and is responsible for ensuring the effectiveness of what partner agencies do to support this. **Follow us on Twitter:** @SunderlandSAB

Focus on: Prevent Duty

The Prevent strategy, published by the Government in 2011, is part of the overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The aim of the prevent strategy is to “*reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.*”

Contest is split into four workstreams:

1. Pursue
2. Prevent
3. Protect
4. Prepare

Possible Indicators that may cause Concern:

- Reports of unusual changes in behaviour, friendships or actions
- Indication of vulnerable person being insistently befriended by individuals or groups with radical views
- Evidence of accessing extremist material online
- Use of extremist or hate terms to exclude others or incite violence; writing or artwork promoting violent extremist messages or images

Case Study

Sunderland has a well established Channel Panel, and has had a recent Channel case identified as an example of exceptional good practice.

Person A was referred due to their risk or radicalisation after being identified as accessing extremist material online and being vulnerable to developing entrenched views and inciting others into this activity. Under the Channel process, they received a support package addressing their potential for extremist radicalisation, with support from mental health services, social care and housing, and therapeutic and logistical interventions designed to deflect and move them away from this path.

A first for the Channel process in Sunderland was the partnership with Sunderland AFC's Foundation of Light and their KICKS programme, which developed a support programme that engaged the individual so well that they are being considered for removal from the Channel process and managed under mainstream core business.

What to do if you think Someone is at risk of Radicalisation

You should make a Prevent referral, To do this, follow the [Prevent Referral Map](#) and follow SSAB's [safeguarding adults procedures](#).

Further Reading

Can be found by following the links below:
[Prevent Duty Guidance](#)

[Home Office Training Catalogue](#)

[Home Office approved Pathways to extremism and Prevent programme training](#)

Definitions

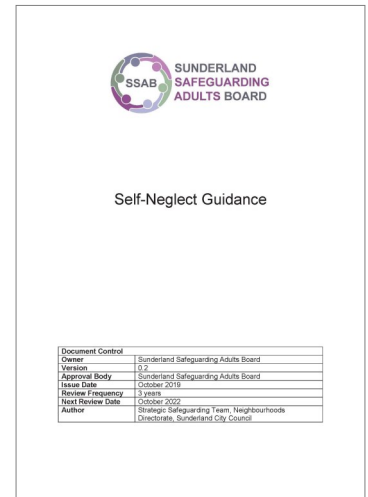
- **Extremism** is defined as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs
- **Radicalisation** is the process where someone has their vulnerabilities or susceptibilities exploited towards crime or terrorism—most often by a third party, who have their own agenda
- **Prevent** is part of the UK's counter terrorism strategy, preventing people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism
- **Terrorism** is an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious damage to property; or seriously interferes or disrupts and electronic system. The use or threat must be designed to influence the government or to intimidate the public, and is made for the purpose of advancing political, religious, or ideological cause
- **Channel** is a key part of the Prevent strategy. It uses existing links between local authorities, statutory partners, the police and local communities to identify individuals at risk of being drawn in to terrorism, assess the nature and extent of the risk; and develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned

Self-Neglect Guidance

As part of National Safeguarding Adults Week SSAB relaunched its Self-Neglect Guidance. The aim of the guidance is for people supporting adults with care and support needs who are at risk of harm as a result of self-neglect and/or hoarding.

The guidance aims to support good practice in the area of self-neglect and includes:

- Indicators of self-neglect
- Hoarding characteristics
- The management of self-neglect
- Mental Capacity
- Risk management
- Good practice
- Self-Neglect Guidance on a page



For further information, the [guidance](#) can be accessed via the SSAB [Safeguarding Adults Multi-Agency Procedures](#).

Annual Safeguarding Conference 2020: Save the Date

Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board is pleased to be involved in the annual 'Think Family' Safeguarding Conference in partnership with South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, Sunderland Safeguarding Children Partnership, South Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board and South Tyneside Safeguarding Children Partnership.

The full-day conference will be held March 3rd 2020 at Rainton Meadows Arena with lunch and refreshments provided. Whilst the full programme is yet to be confirmed the theme will be trauma focussed.

Places are free for all agencies that are resident or work across Sunderland or South Tyneside, and £20 per person for agencies who are not resident or don't work in Sunderland or South Tyneside.

Further information regarding the programme and booking information will be circulated in due course.

Safeguarding Adults E-learning

SSAB is currently renewing its e-learning contract. From January 2020 e-learning will be provided by the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) on the following topics:

- Safeguarding Adults
- Mental Capacity
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

Places will be available to book online via the [SSAB website](#) in the New Year.

Please note: SSAB pays for the e-learning out of it's limited budget, this has always made this valuable resource free to all learners. A review of 2019 figures shows a high number of people signed up & then did not attempt/complete the courses. Managers should ensure any staff enrolled on SSAB's e-learning provide them with proof of completion. 2020 figures will be closely monitored. Access to e-learning may have to be limited for organisations who are found to have high numbers of staff who don't complete the courses.

Changing Lives Liberty Service

Changing Lives Liberty service will commence in January 2020. The service will offer support around modern day slavery and exploitation across the Northumbria Police Area Command.

This three-year initiative will consist of a team of two specialist support workers who will provide therapeutic recovery for adult victims of exploitation, and a Project Lead. Changing Lives aim to work in partnership to support local strategies and feed into the national agenda on modern day slavery.

The South of Tyne base will be in Jarrow and Changing Lives' existing office in Hendon.

For more info please contact Helen Aitchison, Area Manager:
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SSAB Annual Report Easy Read Version

SSAB is pleased to announce that an Easy Read version of the SSAB Annual Report 2018-2019 is now available on its website on the [Key Documents](#) page. Please share this with anyone who you think would like to read this version.

Sunderland Rough Sleeping & Homelessness Strategy & Charter 2019-2021

Sunderland's Homelessness Charter sets out that everyone who is homeless should have a right to:

- A safe, secure home along with an appropriate level of support to create a good quality of life
- Safety from violence, abuse, theft and discrimination, and the full protection of the law
- Respect and a good standard of service everywhere
- Equality of access to information and services
- Equality of opportunity to employment, training, volunteering, health, leisure and creative activities

It also commits partners to:

- Good communication, co-ordination and a consistent approach across all services
- Making sure people have a voice and involvement in determining the solutions to their own issues
- Making sure everyone, including those without a home, is treated with respect.

The Homelessness Charter sits alongside the [Sunderland Rough Sleeping and Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2019-21](#), which outlines how the City Council and its partners plan to tackle homelessness in the city.

Report a Concern

Everyone has a responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults who may be at risk of abuse.

If you are worried about someone:

- In an emergency call 999
- If there is no immediate risk, call the police on 101

If you are a professional wishing to report a safeguarding concern regarding an adult, please read the [guidance](#) and complete the [Safeguarding Adults Concern \(SAC\) form](#). Further information is available [here](#).

If your concern relates to a child, please call 0191 520 5560.

Future Articles

If you have an idea for an article for a future publication, please contact the Strategic Safeguarding Team: strategic.safeguarding@sunderland.gov.uk