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## Safeguarding is everybody's business.

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### Hello and welcome to our first joint newsletter



This is the first e-newsletter which has been written jointly by the [Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Safeguarding Adults' Boards](#) and the [Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Local Safeguarding Children Boards](#).

From a safeguarding adults' perspective, this is a busy time with the introduction of the [Care Act 2014](#) which puts adult safeguarding boards on the same statutory footing as children's boards for the first time.

From a safeguarding children's perspective we recognise that it is a demanding time across the partnership with a steady increase in the number of children and families requiring support and intervention at all levels.

We hope that over time you will see more joint initiatives both to indicate the importance of working together across safeguarding in order to better safeguard the families you work with.

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### Have you heard of cuckooing?

'Cuckooing' is the term used when criminal gangs target the most isolated, vulnerable members of the community by befriending them and taking over their homes to deal drugs.

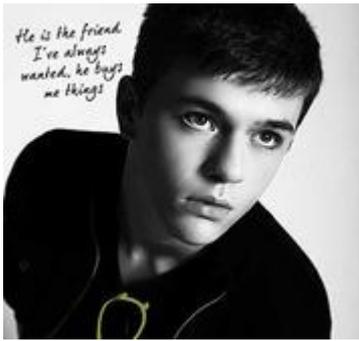
Cuckooing in Dorset is not common place however there are a small number of cases that occur in people's homes that require interventions to remove vulnerable people from the harm of this criminal activity.



Please report any concerns you have about 'cuckooing' to [Dorset Police](#) by dialing 101 or call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

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### Responding to child sexual exploitation (CSE)



### [A new police team has been formed to investigate high risk cases of child sexual exploitation \(CSE\) in Dorset.](#)

Sexual exploitation is child abuse. Children and young people who become involved face risks to their physical, emotional and psychological health and well-being. Any young person could become a victim of [child sexual exploitation](#); the crime affects both girls and boys, from any background and of any ethnicity. It is the organised and deliberate exploitation of a child purely for the sexual gratification of adults.

If you have any concerns that a child you know may be a victim of Child Sexual Exploitation report it to [Dorset Police](#) by calling 101

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## Button batteries safety alert

A serious risk to children has recently been identified. Small round lithium batteries are being swallowed by young children causing serious injury and death.

The electrical charge in a button battery creates caustic soda inside the body, causing catastrophic internal bleeding. Yet the batteries are found in many toys and gadgets around the home.

[NHS England](#) issued [a patient safety alert, warning of the risk of death and serious harm from button batteries.](#)

Find more information on the [Child Accident Prevention Trust](#) website.



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## Adult social care inspections are changing

[The Care Quality Commission](#) (CQC) has introduced a new rating system for adult social care services including care homes and community adult social care.



Specialist teams, including trained members of the public who are known as 'experts by experience', inspect services and these inspections are unannounced. The inspections focus on what matters most to the people who use them.

They look at how safe, caring, effective and responsive they are in meeting the needs of the people using the services.

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- [The numbers you need to report a concern about a child in Dorset](#)
  - [The numbers you need to report a concern about a child in Bournemouth or Poole](#)
  - [What to do if you suspect an adult is being harmed or abused in Dorset.](#)

- [What to do if you suspect an adult is being harmed in Bournemouth or Poole](#)