



## Safeguarding is everybody's business.

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### Self-Neglect and Hoarding



Those who self-neglect are arguably a forgotten group whose friends and family may already have given up; this makes tackling self-neglect a difficult area for social workers. Hoarding is characterised by:

- An intense emotional attachment to objects that are not regarded as having the same value or worth to others;
- The person feeling a sense of loss were they to dispose of the object;
- The person perhaps seeing other value in the object such as environmental recycling use, or intrinsic value, for example, seeing the object as a thing of abstract beauty such as pebbles, stones, driftwood or artwork.

The [Clutter Rating Scale](#) was originally put together by the Chief Fire Officers Association and is used by the fire service to determine the level of risk but may be very useful for social workers to identify the appropriate response.

Where moderate risks or high risks are identified, this is likely to necessitate referral for formal procedures, including safeguarding. For more guidance click [here](#)

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### Serious Case Review Learning Events

**Don't forget to book your place on the Serious Case Review Learning Events**

The Local Safeguarding Children Boards are providing 14 multi-agency half day workshops to enable practitioners working with children and young people to learn from the outcomes of national and local serious case reviews and case audits. All participants will receive the findings of local case reviews and be allowed time to reflect on both the learning and inter and intra agency working during the workshops.

**Course Dates & Locations:**

There will be two sessions (9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm) each day on the dates and



locations below:

Thursday 16th June - Bournemouth Learning Centre  
Monday 20th June - Hall & Woodhouse Brewery, Blandford  
Tuesday 21st June - Merley House  
Wednesday 22nd June - Hamworthy Club  
Wednesday 29th June - Merley House  
Thursday 30th June - Safewise Centre, Weymouth  
Monday 18th July - Bournemouth Learning

Please visit CPD online in order to book a place - [www.bournemouthcpd.co.uk](http://www.bournemouthcpd.co.uk) or [www.pooleworkforcedevelopment.co.uk/portal](http://www.pooleworkforcedevelopment.co.uk/portal)

**Dorset County schools and Early Years providers should book via Dorset Nexus.**

For further information please contact [lscbstraining@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:lscbstraining@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

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## Carers Week 6 – 12 June 2016



Carers Week is an annual awareness campaign to celebrate and recognise the vital contribution made by the UK's 6.5 million carers and also highlight the challenges that carers face in supporting families and communities throughout the UK. For more information please click [here](#)

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## Elder Abuse

### World Elder Abuse Day - 15 June

Elder abuse is a global social issue which affects the health and human rights of millions of older persons around the world, and an issue which deserves the attention of the international community.

"The distressing crime of elder abuse often occurs in quiet, private settings, making a vocal, public response that much more important. Let us strengthen our resolve to end this problem as part of our broader efforts to create a life of dignity for all." UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

The global population of people aged 60 years and older will more than double, from 542 million in 1995 to about 1.2 billion in 2025. Around 4 to 6% of elderly people have experienced some form of maltreatment at home. Elder maltreatment can lead to serious physical injuries and long-term psychological consequences. The incidence of abuse towards older people is predicted to increase as many countries are experiencing rapidly ageing populations.

For more information please visit [here](#)



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## Slavery is closer than you think!

Slavery is not an issue confined to history or an issue that only exists in certain countries - it is something that is **still happening today**. It is a global problem and the UK is no exception. Modern slavery encompasses slavery, human trafficking, forced labour and domestic servitude. Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment.

The [New Modern Slavery Bill](#) will be amongst the first Acts in the world specifically tackling modern slavery.

Did you know.....

- In 2013 there were 1,746 referrals received on potential victims of trafficking – almost a 50 percent increase on 2012 figures.
- Of those referrals, 74% were adults and 26% were children
- Of the adult referrals, almost 40% were male. These are just the victims that we know about. Modern slavery is a largely covert crime: victims tend to be controlled and hidden away. For more information please visit <https://modernslavery.co.uk/>

[Unchosen](#) is a small charity based in Bristol who use the power of film to fight modern slavery. Each year they hold an annual competition for people to make films about slavery. This year's topic will be child slavery.

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## New Dorset LSCB Independent Chair



Sarah Elliott has been appointed the new Independent Chair of the Bournemouth & Poole LSCB and Dorset Safeguarding Children Board. Sarah currently works for NHS England as Regional Chief Nurse but will be leaving this post to take up her new role on the 1 July. Both Boards are grateful to Rob Hutchinson, the outgoing Interim Chair for the work he has undertaken during the past 6 months.

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## Learning from others – Joint Targeted Inspection messages about CSE

Three reports have now been published from Joint Targeted Inspections of Services with a focus on CSE. They are valuable to all partners as they give an account of what is working well in other local authorities to tackle risks and areas where development is needed.

Local Authorities, Police, Health, Youth Offending Service, Education and Probation colleagues will all be able to find something of relevance to their day to day work and strategic direction. What questions does it raise for you and can you discuss these with your agency's CSE lead? They are useful tools to reflect and measure ourselves against. The three reports and background about the Inspections are available [here](#)

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