



KEEPING BRISTOL SAFE PARTNERSHIP

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Statutory Reviews

The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership published a Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) for George and Peter (not their real names) which was commissioned following their deaths in 2024.

Key themes explored in this review are working with individuals who are alcohol dependent, self-neglect, mental capacity, barriers to engagement, the use of the section 42 framework, deteriorating health conditions, exploitation and fire risk, as well as highlighting examples of good practice. The Overview Report and Professionals Learning Briefing can be found on our [website](http://www.bristolsafeguarding.org).

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KBSP Children's Annual Report

The [KBSP Children's Annual Report for 2024-2025](#) has now been published.

Keeping Children Safe

New Ofsted Framework: How schools and colleges can support Young Carers

Ofsted have launched a new framework which focuses on supporting young carers in schools, colleges, and teacher training providers. Find out more [here](#).

KBSP's Bake Sale for EPIC

The KBSP Business Unit have raised £189 from the bake sale for the [EPIC Charity](#). If you would like to give a donation, the donation page is still [live](#)!

ICB System Crisis Protocol

The System Crisis Protocol specifically designed for Children and Young People (CYP) admitted to acute hospitals within Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) has been updated. Find out more [here](#).

New support hub for care leavers

A long-awaited support space for Bristol's care-experienced young people has officially opened, marking the culmination of five years of planning and development. Find out more [here](#).

ACTS FAST: new service for families affected by sexual abuse

[ACTS FAST](#), a funded service to support families in the South West who have been affected by child sexual abuse. They provide one to one therapeutic support to parents and carers of children who have been sexually abused and those parenting a child with someone who has been arrested for online sexual offences.

If you would like to talk further about a referral, or talk through an individual case, please do not hesitate to get in contact by emailing support@actsfast.org.uk or calling 01202 797217.

Your Holiday Club winter offer

Children and young people across Bristol can now search and book lots of wonderful winter activity sessions as part of Your Holiday Hub this December. The programme, led by over 25 different clubs across Bristol, offers fully funded activities for eligible families over the school holidays from 20 December to 2 January. Sessions are always wide ranging and include a healthy, nutritious meal is always included as part of the day. For more on Your Holiday Hub or to book an activity session this winter, please visit www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk.

Safer Connections

The new Safer Connections team has been established to strengthen citywide responses to Harm Outside the Home, replacing the previous Safer Options approach.

Safer Connections reviews and triages referrals where harm outside the home is the primary concern, providing direct and intensive support to children, families, and social care teams. The service leads daily incident briefings, coordinates multi-agency safeguarding responses, and works closely with schools and citywide partners.

For all urgent referrals, requests for service (including Weapons and Drugs in Schools), and threshold advice, contact First Response: 0117 903 6444

To request non-urgent, non-case-specific support from the Partnership Team, such as consultations, training, or coordination around emerging concerns, email: saferconnections@bristol.gov.uk

Update from the Safeguarding in Education Team

With the new arrangements in place for Operation Encompass notifications from the police, and under the requirements laid out in Working Together to Safeguard Children, and the duties and responsibilities for education settings in Keeping Children Safe in Education, we request generic safeguarding email address for every setting that have Bristol children.

Please note:

- This email account must be monitored by the setting's safeguarding team to ensure information is picked up promptly and securely.
- All staff with access to this account must be trained to the level of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Action required:

All education settings need to provide a generic safeguarding email address to the Safeguarding in Education Team by **Friday, 19 December 2025**.

Please complete the relevant contact update form to provide the generic safeguarding email address:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/genericsafeguardingemail/>

All Bristol City Council staff should use the setting's generic safeguarding email address where available when accessing the Safeguarding in Education Team's contact list.

The Facts

It is likely that you will have at least 1 or 2 young carers in every class in every year group in your school (Young carers Alliance, 2023)

Young carers have double the rate of persistent absence compared to their peers, averaging 27 days missed per academic year (MYTIME, 2022)

Young carers are twice as likely to leave primary school below age-related expectations (MYTIME, 2022)

At least a third of young carers said their caring role resulted in them either 'always' or 'usually' feeling 'worried', 'lonely' or 'stressed' (Carers Trust, 2022)



52% said they 'do not often' or 'never' get help from school or college to balance their work with their caring responsibilities (Carers Trust, 2022)

Young carers are significantly more likely to be bullied (Carers Trust, 2016)



Contact us

To find out more about Carers Support's Young Carers in Schools program, please contact:

☎ 0117 958 9904

✉ vickih@carersbsg.org.uk

Young Carers provides a range of other services to support carers aged 8-18 years old, including one to one support, support groups, activities and caring breaks. To find out more please send us an email or visit our website.

✉ youngc@carersbsg.org.uk

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Young carers is a part of Carers Support, which offers services to carers of all ages.

A Network Partner of CARERS TRUST

YOUNG CARERS IN SCHOOLS

Young carers have a lot of responsibilities outside of school, and they need your support and understanding to ensure they can learn and achieve in school



Young Carers Support

You may have seen the new Ofsted Framework now includes direct references to young carers; Carers Trust has developed a guide which highlights requirements and actions school can take to meet these. A carers service in an area where schools have taken part in voluntary inspections has shared all schools were asked about young carers, this included numbers of young carers, how young carers have been identified, attendance, how they are supported and how this support differs from vulnerable pupils. Young carers were also included in all the schools case sampling.

At Young Carers Support we are able to help schools improve identification and support for young carers and meet the actions recommended by Carers Trust by providing schools with resources, free awareness training, pupil assemblies, support to develop young carers provision guidance around policies.

Carers Trust report have also recently published a [report](#) that details the educational inequalities faced by young carers that it would be good to bring to educational professionals' attention.

Keeping Communities Safe

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence resource for older persons

As part of Stop Adult Abuse week, the [Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence resource for older persons](#) has been updated!

Launch of BrainKind Adapt

[Brainkind](#) has launched [Brainkind Adapt](#) – a free digital tool supporting professionals working with survivors of domestic abuse who may have sustained brain injuries.

Developed in response to their [research](#), Too many to count, which found 1 in 2 survivors may have indicators of brain injury, the tool includes a simplified screening index, symptom exploration, printable resources, and trauma-informed guidance to help professionals adapt their practice in a non-diagnostic, survivor-centred way.

Bristol Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2026 to 2030 consultation

The Bristol Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2026 to 2030 [consultation](#) has now opened. The consultation will give an opportunity to share your views on the draft Bristol Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2026 to 2030 vision, principles, priorities and the ambitions to deliver the priorities.

Please complete and return this survey by Thursday 8 January 2026.

Community Cohesion report

Following the riots in August 2024, Bristol City Council commissioned consultants Kamaljit Poonia and Ruth Pitter to carry out a deep listening exercise to better understand what caused the riots, find out more about community cohesion in Bristol, and to inform a strategic, one city many communities approach to community building and cohesion. The [final report](#) has now been shared.

To keep in touch, [sign up to receive the Communities newsletter](#) and to hear about One City Many Community events, email ocmc@bristol.gov.uk

PREVENT WEEK OF ACTION

9TH – 13TH FEBRUARY 2026



Join us for the February Prevent Week of Action!

From 9th–13th February, this week offers a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of key Prevent topics through expert-led sessions and practical insights. Whether you're looking to strengthen your knowledge of Prevent, improve your confidence in making referrals, explore emerging risks like digital harms, or understand the links between misogyny and extremism, these sessions will provide practical guidance and real-world context to support your work.

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

NAVIGATING THE ONLINE THREAT PICTURE (INVITE ONLY)

Funded workshops for selected participants as part of ongoing regional delivery

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

INTRO TO INCELS – JENNIE FISHER, DfE

10:00 – 11:00

Understand incel ideology, terminology, social media use, and associated harms through case studies

Book here: [Intro to Incels](#)

PREVENT REFERRALS – BEN STYLES, COUNTER TERRORISM POLICING SOUTH WEST

11:30 – 12:30

Learn how Prevent referrals are assessed, thresholds applied, and what makes a good referral

Book here: [Prevent referrals](#)

MISOGYNY: THE ANTECHAMBER TO TERROR AND REPRESSION – DR. SAJJAN M. GOHEL

15:00 – 16:30

Explore links between misogyny, terrorism, and hostile state actors through case studies

Book here: [Misogyny: The Antechamber to Terror and Repression](#)

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

NAVIGATING THE ONLINE THREAT PICTURE (INVITE ONLY)

Funded workshops for selected participants as part of ongoing regional delivery

PREVENT AWARENESS FOR GOVERNORS – CHERI FAYERS, DfE

17:30 – 18:45

Clear guidance on Prevent responsibilities for education leaders and governors – what it means for your setting and how to meet your responsibilities confidently

Book here: [Prevent Awareness for Governors](#)

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

PREVENT AWARENESS – KIRA BAKER, REGIONAL PREVENT OFFICER

09:30 – 11:30

Helpful if you are new to Prevent or need a refresher: Overview of Prevent, extremist ideologies, signs of radicalisation, and referral process

Book here: [Prevent Awareness](#)

AUTISM, RADICALISM & DIGITAL HARMS – ALISTAIR BARFIELD, DEFLECT+PROTECT

13:30 – 15:00

A deep dive into the intersection of autism, radicalism and digital harms

Book here: [Deflect+Protect: Autism, Radicalism & Digital Harms](#)

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

NAVIGATING THE ONLINE THREAT PICTURE (INVITE ONLY)

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For any questions, please contact kira.baker@bristol.gov.uk

KBSP Training Bulletin

To book any of the following multi-agency training courses, please visit the [KBSP training booking page](#). Bespoke courses may be considered, so please contact KBSP.Training@bristol.gov.uk for more information.

KBSP Working in Partnership to Keep Communities Safe Training

Suitable for working groups: B & C

NHS Level: Level 2

Course length: Half-day

Cost: £50.00 | Colleagues from core statutory partner organisations of the KBSP receive some funded places

Aim: To understand how community safety partners and voluntary agencies can respond to safeguarding concerns from a multi-agency perspective, to help reduce crime and disorder in Bristol.

Dates & Venues: 27 January 2026 - Virtual

KBSP Child Protection for Managers

Suitable for working group: D

NHS Level: Level 4

Course length: One full-day session

Cost: Non-funded places £100.00 | Funded places free

Places currently available: 21

Prerequisite: Staff who have never attended KBSP training previously must attend the KBSP Working Together: Our Shared Responsibility training and the Advanced Child Protection training for Safeguarding Leads and Specialist Practitioners as prerequisites.

Aim: To enhance good practice in leadership through inter-agency discussion and reflection on the expectations placed on all agencies around the protection of children from harm.

Dates & Venues: 25 February - Vassall Centre

KBSP Working Together: Our Shared Responsibility

Suitable for working groups: B & C

NHS level: This is a level 3 course suitable for those without specific safeguarding responsibility, or those who are new to their safeguarding role.

Course length: One full-day session (09:15-15:45)

Cost: Non-funded places £100.00 | Funded places free

Aim: To develop knowledge and skills gained from Group A single agency training and increase understanding of the roles of other agencies in child protection, and the importance of working together to keep children safe.

Dates & Venues: 26th February – Virtual, 9th March – Bridge Professional Development Centre

KBSP Reducing Parental Conflict

Suitable for working groups: B & C

NHS Level: 2

Course length: 09:15-15:45 (Full day)

Cost: Free for all delegates (due to secured funding) - however, if you do not attend on the day or fail to cancel your place within 5 working days of the course date, you will be charged a £100 non-attendance fee.

Aim: To have an increased understanding of what parental conflict is and the impact on children, and how we can work with parents to reduce this.

Dates & Venues: 3rd March - Virtual

KBSP Graded Care Profile 2 – All workforces (multi-agency)

Suitable for working groups: B & C

NHS Level: 2

Course length: 09:15-15:45 (Full day)

Cost: Free

Aim: To be able to use the GCP2 tool which clearly identifies what level of Neglect is present, and the impact this is likely to have on children within the family. This tool is suitable for use by any practitioner that works directly with children and families across Bristol.

Dates & Venues: 12th March - Virtual

KBSP Child Sexual Abuse Training

Suitable for working groups: B, C & D

NHS Level: 3

Course length: 09:30-13:00 (Half day)

Cost: Non-funded places £50.00 | Colleagues from core statutory partner organisations of the KBSP receive some funded places

Aim: To be able to recognise when a child or young person may be at risk of/is experiencing child sexual abuse. To know the actions to take to safeguard and support the child or young person.

Dates & Venues: 18th March – Vassall Centre

KBSP Advanced Child Protection Training for Safeguarding Leads and Specialist Practitioners

Suitable for working groups: C & D

NHS Level: Level 3 specialist practitioner

Course length: One full-day session (09:15-15:30) **Cost:** Non-funded places £100.00 | Funded places free

Prerequisite: Staff who have never attended KBSP training previously must attend the KBSP Working Together: Our Shared Responsibility training.

Aim: Develop understanding of the advanced practitioners roles and responsibilities in relation to child protection and improve confidence in safeguarding and child protection practice, including the use of challenge and escalation appropriately.

Dates & Venues: 19th March - Virtual

KBSP Safeguarding Adults Training

Suitable for working groups: B-D

NHS Level: 3

Course length: Whole day (09:15-15:30)

Cost: £100.00 | Colleagues from core statutory partner organisations of the KBSP receive funded places

Course Aim: Develop knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures and multi-agency working to effectively safeguard vulnerable adults.

Dates & Venues: 26th March – Bridge Professional Development Centre

Coming up...

December 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 49.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week 50.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week 51.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Week 52.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Week 1.	29	30	31				

December is Universal Month for Human Rights, AIDS Awareness Month, Decembeard, Spiritual Literacy Month.

○ Last Quarter
 ● New Moon
 ◐ First Quarter
 ◑ Full Moon

Islamic and Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.

1st
World AIDS Day,
Bank Holiday – Scotland.

2nd
International Day for the Abolition of
Slavery.

3rd
International Day of Persons with
Disabilities.

5th
International Volunteer Day.

8th
Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist,
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
– Christian.

10th
Human Rights Day.

12th
End of Michaelmas Term (Term 1,
2025/26),
International Universal Health
Coverage Day.

15th
Chanukah begins – Judaism.

18th
International Migrants Day.

20th
International Human Solidarity Day.

21st
Winter Solstice,
Yule/Litha – Pagan.

24th
Christmas Eve – Christian.

25th
Christmas Day – Christian,
Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox
Christian,
Bank Holiday – England, Wales,
Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.

26th
Saint Stephen's Day – Christian,
Zarathosht no diso – Zoroastrian,
Boxing Day,
Kwanzaa begins,
Bank Holiday – England, Wales,
Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.

28th
Feast of the Holy Family
– Christian,
Holy Innocents – Christian.

31st
Watch Night – Christian,
New Year's Eve/Hogmanay.

Thank you for reading the December 2025 edition of the KBSP newsletter. If you have any feedback you would like to share, please email KBSP@bristol.gov.uk