

Welcome to the latest newsletter for Yorkshire and the Humber, providing updates from the Safeguarding team.

We would love to hear from you. If you have any comments, suggestions, feedback or general queries, please contact [karen.rodger@nhs.net](mailto:karen.rodger@nhs.net).

### News from the National Pharmacy Association (NPA)

In October 2015 the NPA launched [safeguarding resources](#) designed to help members in England comply with the contractual and regulatory requirements for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children.

The Clinical Governance (CG) requirements for community pharmacy, set out in Part 4 of Schedule 1 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2005, as amended, require community pharmacies to ensure that relevant staff providing pharmaceutical services to vulnerable adults and children are aware of local safeguarding guidance and reporting arrangements.

Additionally, pharmacies are required to safeguard children and vulnerable adults as part of the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) standards; the GPhC has included awareness and reporting of safeguarding issues as part of the inspection process carried out at registered pharmacies.

Pharmacists may also be asked, by commissioners of pharmacy services, to provide evidence of **safeguarding training** as a prerequisite to providing a service.

### Safeguarding Training



We have produced the below guides for health professionals showing the broad range of safeguarding training courses available in each area in Yorkshire and the Humber.



North Yorks & Humber.doc



South Yorks & Bassetlaw.doc



West Yorkshire.doc

### General Pharmaceutical Council - Regulate focus on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults



The GPhC's [Regulate programme](#) has released [a series of articles](#) on what they are seeing in their inspections of registered pharmacies. In June 2016, they focused on the important topic of safeguarding. Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is a key theme in both professional and registered pharmacy standards.

### Children collecting medicines from a pharmacy



Pharmacists may be asked to supply dispensed medicines to a child for themselves, on behalf of another person, such as a parent, other relative or neighbour, or for persons whom they care for (this could be a parent or relative, etc).

The decision on whether a supply is appropriate will need to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and will involve considering the individual circumstances. Sometimes there will not be a clear right or wrong decision, and different pharmacists on the same facts will make different choices. Whatever your decision, you should be prepared to justify this and make records of decisions where appropriate.

If in doubt, [follow this link](#) to find some of the factors the pharmacist may want to consider when deciding whether the supply of the dispensed medicines is appropriate or not. It is not possible for this list to be exhaustive.

Any suggestions for future items/topics in this newsletter can be sent to:

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## Information from Safeguarding Boards across the region

### North Yorkshire



The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board has launched their [“Seen it? Heard it? Report it” campaign](#) aimed at ensuring adults with care and support needs in North Yorkshire get the help and support they need and deserve.

Please [download and print these posters](#) and display them in your pharmacy. If you would like printed copies, please complete this [awareness posters request form \[168kb\] \[word\]](#) and email it to [has.communications@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:has.communications@northyorks.gov.uk).

### South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw

The Board in South Yorkshire is sharing the [South Yorkshire Safeguarding Adult Procedures](#) for your information.

### West Yorkshire

In May 2016 the [West Yorkshire Consortium Safeguarding Procedures](#) were updated.

## The Home Office launches ‘Right To Choose’ forced marriage campaign



This year’s campaign begins on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 timed to target the spike summer period where families use the opportunity of the long holiday to take individuals overseas for marriage. This time is used to make potential victims aware of the risks and potential perpetrators aware of the consequences.

The Home Office has produced a range of different films showing the signs of forced marriage, which can be viewed at the bottom of [this webpage](#)

Find out more about the campaign by visiting the Home Office Forced Marriage unit website – [www.gov.uk/forced-marriage](http://www.gov.uk/forced-marriage)

## Spotting the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)



Health Education England has produced [this short film](#) on how healthcare professionals, including pharmacy teams, can spot the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation. Watching and reviewing this film could be used as CPD and support you in demonstrating development around the child safety aspect of the community pharmacy contract.

### Poisons and chemicals from the pharmacy

From the 26th May 2015, the Poisons Act 1972 has been amended, changing how poisons are classified. The Yorkshire and Humber Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer (CDAO) has circulated the following guides from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society which summarises this information.



Poisons\_and\_chemicals\_-\_updated\_14071



Guidance\_for\_Pharmacies\_FINAL\_TEMPLA

### Prevent as part of safeguarding

[Prevent](#) is part of the Government’s work to deter people from being drawn into terrorism. In the NHS, Prevent is embedded within safeguarding and healthcare professionals have a key role to play in this work.

Prevent focuses on working with vulnerable individuals who may be at risk of being exploited by radicalisers and subsequently drawn into terrorist related activity. Prevent does not require you to do anything in addition to your normal duties.

What is important is that if you are concerned that a vulnerable individual is being exploited in this way, you can raise these concerns in accordance with your organisation’s policies and procedures, as you would do with any safeguarding issue. For more information visit [www.ltai.info](http://www.ltai.info)

### Child radicalisation: NSPCC to advise concerned parents

Khadijah Kamara has described the signs she noticed when her son was becoming radicalised <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36897596>