



Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership

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Covid-19 Update #3

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The provision remains largely as anticipated as set out in the previous newsletter, [Covid-19 Update #2](#).

Children

Government guidance

For the latest guidance on **young people and children**, please click [here](#).

Education

The Safeguarding in Education team have set up weekly advice surgeries for schools that will take place via Zoom. Click [here](#) for further information or to book onto a surgery.

Adults

Government guidance

For the latest guidance on **vulnerable adults**, please click [here](#).

For the latest guidance on **residential care, supported living, and home care** please click [here](#).

Training

Details for free e-learning courses suitable for introductions to safeguarding can be found on the [KBSP website](#). This will be useful especially for volunteers or those being redeployed.

Domestic Abuse

The Partnership has put together a [briefing document](#) for practitioners on Domestic Abuse during Covid-19 including advice on responding to victims/survivors of domestic abuse, safety planning, and details of support services.

Partners and other services

Stand Against Racism and Inequality

SARI (and Bristol Hate Crime & Discrimination Services) will be adapting some of their services to minimise face-to-face contact:

- Case openings, client meetings and agency meetings will be conducted online or by telephone
- The Out of Hours emergency Phone Support Service will continue
- Training, education and awareness are currently on hold, but provisions may be made to offer sessions online in the long term

Please look out for any issues, tensions or incidents and report them to the right agency for the problem – be it a social landlord, the police, or your local Anti-Social Behaviour Team. Useful information including leaflets in Chinese dialects will be circulated with this newsletter.

Courts

From 23rd March, HMCTS will be reducing court session to deal with urgent priority work as set out below:

- All custody cases, to include
 - Overnight custody cases from police stations (including arrest warrants and breach of bail cases)
 - Productions from prisons
 - Arrest warrants issued under the Extradition Act
- Applications to extend custody time limits
- Civil applications relation to public health legislation, particularly under the Coronavirus (Emergency) Act 2020
- Warrants of further detention (police and HMRC)
- Closure order applications
- Urgent applications for rights of entry/search warrants
- Urgent applications for DVPOs
- Any public health or coronavirus related prosecutions (including breaches of restrictions or requirements imposed to protect public health, and other criminal activity designed to exploit the situation)
- Out-of-hours cases (including search warrants)
- Sensitive/high profile cases and cases involving children and vulnerable witnesses/victims
- Youth cases (only serious matters such as Robbery or where other serious public protection issues arise)
- Custody trials

All other work will be adjourned temporarily whilst arrangements are made for other cases to be heard using video or audio links under existing rules or using any expanded powers contained with any emergency legislation. Those involved with any case which might fit the criteria “cases involving children and vulnerable witnesses/victims” are asked to bring this to the attention of the relevant listing and case progression team as soon as possible.

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