

CTMSB Safeguarding Training Update Issue 1: August 2026

This document provides a calendar of safeguarding training sessions aimed at social care professionals and related practitioners, covering a wide range of topics including AI in social care, child sexual abuse, harmful sexual behaviour, domestic abuse, exploitation, self-neglect, and more.

Please note: All training listed is free and will take place online, unless stated otherwise.

If you have any training or awareness raising sessions you would like to include in this update, please e-mail
ctmsafeguarding@rctcbc.gov.uk

Training	Details	Date and time	Organisation	Booking link
To view the updated safeguarding training calendar, please select this link .	Please note that the calendar is a working document and can be updated, so you are encouraged to check calendars regularly via the link in the first box.	Various	 GWASANAETH DATBLYGU GWEITHLU GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL CWM TAF SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICE Un sector : Un gweithlu • one sector : one workforce	Here is the link to the training booking form. Once completed, please e-mail to socialcaretraining@rctcbc.gov.uk
Speaking to children about child sexual abuse	Further info here	2 nd September 9am – 10am	 Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse	Book here

Preventing harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) in schools	In this webinar, key insights will be shared from the Lucy Faithfull Foundations's research with 30 schools on preventing and responding to HSB. The 'Six R's' framework for responding to incidents will be explored, as well as looking at whole school approaches to prevention, and introduce free resources.	8th September or 19th November 10am - 11am		Fill in the registration form to secure your spot. You need to complete the form for each person, for each webinar. If you have any questions or need more information, please email gjones@lucyfaithfull.org.uk
Introducing the Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway	Further info here	9th September 11am – 12am		Book here

Delivering Families First Programmes Through Integrated Welfare and Safeguarding	As Local Authorities and partner agencies prepare for and implement the Families First programme ahead of the March 2027 deadline, the need for joined-up, data-driven approaches to safeguarding and early intervention has never been greater. Join the session for an insightful webinar exploring how LIFT (Low Income Family Tracker) and MAST (Multi Agency Safeguarding Tracker) help organisations identify vulnerable families earlier, strengthen multi-agency collaboration, and deliver coordinated support that improves outcomes for children and families. During this session, we will discuss the key principles of the Families First programme and Best Start Hubs and demonstrate how our solutions enable practitioners	9th September 10:30am – 11:30am	 Policy in Practice	<u>Register here</u>
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	to: Identify families requiring early intervention through integrated welfare and safeguarding intelligence. Streamline Best Start referrals using data and referral workflows. Improve multi agency collaboration by providing a single view of safeguarding concerns, interventions, and outcomes. Track family engagement and measure the effectiveness of support across services. Reduce duplication, improve information sharing, and ensure timely, informed decision making. Support statutory safeguarding responsibilities while addressing the wider welfare needs that impact			
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	family wellbeing. Whether you're working in Children's Services, Early Help, Public Health, Housing, Education, or voluntary and community sector partners, this webinar will demonstrate how LIFT and MAST provide the digital infrastructure needed to support whole family working, strengthen partnership collaboration, and deliver the ambitions of the Families First programme. Who should attend? ▪ Children's Services leaders and practitioners ▪ Early Help teams ▪ Safeguarding professionals ▪ Best Start Family Hubs leads ▪ Local Authority transformation and digital teams			
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	NHS, education, welfare, housing, police, and voluntary sector partners			
Relationships, Resilience and RSE. What's available for schools?	Discover the support available to schools through Addysg Cwtch, Spectrum and Spectrum Plus. This free webinar will showcase programmes that promote healthy relationships, build resilience, support RSE delivery, and help schools respond to domestic abuse and other VAWDASV-related issues. <u>Further info</u>	Delivered in English: 16th September 10am-11:30am Delivered in Welsh: 23rd September 2pm – 3:30pm		<u>Book here</u>
Neurodiverse young people who engage in harmful sexual behaviour (HSB)	This webinar explores how neurodiversity, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), can shape the landscape of HSB in the UK, and considers how we can	17th September or 12th November 10am - 11am		Fill in the <u>registration form</u> to secure your spot. You need to complete the form for each person, for each webinar.

	better support neurodiverse young people to change their behaviour and keep them and others safe.			If you have any questions or need more information, please email gjones@lucyfaithfull.org.uk
NWG Diversity Forum	The Diversity Forum is aimed at professionals and others who work or have a vested interest in safeguarding children and families. An introduction to Barnardo's new campaign on tackling misogyny, Call It What It is! NWG's Diversity Forum welcomes Amelia Barlow, the Tackling Misogyny Programme Manager at Barnardo's. Her role is to ensure that children and young people's voices can influence change and raise awareness about their own experiences of misogyny. Her previous professions experience includes being the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's policy lead	17th September 11am – 1pm		<u>Register here to attend</u> For further information on what training the <u>NWG</u> provides on tackling child exploitation, please select this <u>link</u>.

	on children and young people affected by domestic abuse. The forum will focus on misogyny and look at the issue through a reflective angle. Are we doing enough to influence change? Learning outcomes and objectives: ▪ Provide opportunities for practitioners to discuss and debate issues relating to the sensitive nature of Child Exploitation, to network, share good practice, discuss challenges and seek solutions with an Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion focus. ▪ Provide opportunities for Guest speakers to share effective practice and new developments.			
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	▪ Provide a safe space for discussions take place in a secure and confidential environment. ▪ Develop and share good practice in combating child exploitation through the lens of Equality & Diversity and inclusion. ▪ To work in partnership with members and organisations to eliminate systemic inequalities in safeguarding CYP from marginalised/minority communities; Including but not exclusively those that identify as Black, Asian and other minorities, LGBTQ+ and SEND. ▪ Help both organisations/members to be innovative and to find new ways to reach and support young			
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	people at risk or harm from CE Be part of efforts to amplify the voices of young people and families and communities impacted by child exploitation.			
Responding effectively to sibling sexual behaviour	<u>Further info</u>	22nd September 10am – 11am	 Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse	<u>Book here</u>
Artificial Intelligence (AI) workshop	Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming part of everyday life and work, but what does it mean for social care professionals? Social Care Wales is hosting two free workshops to help you understand what AI is, where you may already be coming across it, and how it can be used safely and	22nd September 10am – 12pm	 Gofal Cymdeithasol Cymru Social Care Wales	<u>Book now</u>

	responsibly in social care. The session will explore what AI is good at, where its limitations are, and how to spot common risks such as bias, misinformation and inaccurate outputs. You'll also learn simple techniques for writing effective prompts, reviewing AI-generated content, and protecting personal and sensitive information. Designed specifically for the social care workforce, this session focuses on building confidence rather than technical expertise. Whether you're curious about AI tools or simply want to understand the opportunities and challenges AI presents, this workshop will give you the knowledge and practical skills to get started.			
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	By the end of this session you'll: ▪ Understand what AI is and how it's being used today ▪ Recognise the opportunities and limitations of AI in social care ▪ Understand key risks, including bias, 'hallucinations' and privacy concerns ▪ Know how to create effective prompts and get better results from AI tools ▪ Be able to apply simple safety principles when using AI at work ▪ Feel more confident using AI responsibly and professionally You don't need any technical knowledge to attend this workshop. It's suitable for anyone working in social care who wants to better			
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	understand AI and its potential role in supporting their work.			
Non-Fatal Strangulation (NFS) Webinar	Developed in partnership with Safe Lives and the Institute for Addressing Strangulation, this training will help you identify the risks, understand the impact, and support victim-survivors of strangulation effectively. This training will help learners to: ▪ Understand the NFS legislation ▪ Identify the risks and prevalence of NFS ▪ Explore the links between NFS and domestic abuse/sexual violence ▪ Recognise the signs and symptoms of NFS ▪ Confidently risk assess survivors and perpetrators of NFS	22nd September 10am – 11:30am		Register to attend here Introductory eLearning (approx. 45 mins) Complete anytime, using this link.

	Understand the impact of NFS on victims/survivors			
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Sibling sexual abuse (SSA) from a school perspective	This workshop shares new research on what school staff need when a disclosure of SSA occurs. It is ideal for professionals seeking practical, school-based strategies that make a meaningful difference.	23rd September or 4th November 10am - 11am	LUCY FAITHFULL FOUNDATION	Fill in the registration form to secure your spot. You need to complete the form for each person, for each webinar. If you have any questions or need more information, please email gjones@lucyfaithfull.org.uk
Artificial intelligence (AI) and the risk of child sexual abuse	An introduction to generative AI with a focus on how it intersects with child sexual abuse. This webinar examines the risks of AI generated CSAM for both adults and young people, considers potential offending pathways, and offers guidance on supporting those who may be accessing AI generated CSAM or other harmful content online.	29th September or 24th November 10am - 11am	LUCY FAITHFULL FOUNDATION	Fill in the registration form to secure your spot. You need to complete the form for each person, for each webinar. If you have any questions or need more information, please email gjones@lucyfaithfull.org.uk

Self-Neglect	Gain the knowledge and confidence to identify and respond to self-neglect. This course explores causes, mental health links, safeguarding considerations, and the importance of effective multi-agency collaboration. <u>Further info</u>	1st October 10am – 3pm		<u>Register here</u>
Understanding Domestic Abuse and Coercive Controlling Behaviour	This 7-hour course explores the dynamics of domestic abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour, helping participants recognise patterns of abuse and their impact on victims and survivors. Learners will gain practical skills to identify, assess and respond to domestic abuse using a victim-centred approach <u>Further info</u>	6th October 9:30am – 4:30pm		<u>Register here</u>

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC): Awareness Training	This is a valuable opportunity for practitioners to increase their awareness and understanding of the SARC process, while also helping to dispel some of the common myths and misconceptions around investigations that children may experience.	8th October 2pm – 3pm	 GIG CYMRU NHS WALES Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	There is no need to book in advance - simply click on the link below and join on the day of the training. <u>Link to join the session</u> Should you have any questions, please 01443 744800 or email <u>Emma.Reed3@wales.nhs.uk</u>
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Youth Voice Insights into Education on Exploitation	<u>Further info here</u> You may want to read some of The Children's Society's <u>resources</u> prior to attending these sessions in order to get the most out of these, but this is not a requirement.	13th October 2pm – 4pm	The Children's Society	<u>Book here</u> If you have any questions, please contact prevention@childrenssociety.org.uk
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SARC Training: Introduction to Sexual Assault Referral Centre Services Training	This free training is available to professionals across all services who work with children and young people under 18 years of age, and adults aged 18-25 who have complex learning needs. Topics covered: ▪ CYP that we support within our service. ▪ Referral pathways into SARC ▪ The importance of Strategy Meetings. ▪ Discussing the differences between Child Protection (CP) and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) medicals. ▪ Timeframes for collecting forensic evidence. (DNA) ▪ Timeframes for medications	15th October 10:30am – 11:45am		Register here to attend For further information on what training the NWG provides on tackling child exploitation, please select this link.
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	available at SARC following CSA. ▪ Discussions around what a SARC medical will involve. ▪ Onward support service referrals we offer. By the end of this training, participants will be able to: 1. Understand the circumstances in which the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) should be invited to strategy meetings and the process for involving SARC professionals. 2. Understand the SARC referral pathway and how to make an appropriate referral. 3. Demonstrate knowledge of the forensic evidence collection timeframes following sexual assault			
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	4. Understand the time-sensitive nature of medical interventions following sexual assault, including key treatment timeframes. 5. Explain the purpose of a SARC medical examination, what it involves, and the potential benefits of the examination for the individual, including both healthcare and forensic considerations. 6. Onward support referrals and care we offer			
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Lunch & Learn - AI and Child Sexual Abuse	Gain awareness of how AI can be used as part of child sexual abuse. Please note: Content includes potentially triggering topics and discussions, please fully consider your wellbeing before booking. As technology continually advances this webinar will look at how AI is used in child sexual abuse. This will include briefly looking at AI, grooming and exploitation.	9th November 12:30pm		<u>Register to attend here</u>
Lunch & Learn – The 10-Year Plan Safeguarding Wales	Understand what the new 10-year plan for Safeguarding Wales looks like.	11th November 12:30pm		<u>Register to attend here</u>
Lunch & Learn - Child Sexual Exploitation	Understand Child Sexual Exploitation and the support available.	12th November 12:30pm		<u>Register to attend here.</u>

	Please note: this webinar contains upsetting and potentially triggering content. Please consider your wellbeing before booking. Raising awareness of what Child Exploitation is, the different forms and the support available for those affected.			
Financial Exploitation	<u>Further info here</u> You may want to read some of The Children's Society's <u>resources</u> prior to attending these sessions in order to get the most out of these, but this is not a requirement.	19th November 10am – 12pm	The Children's Society	<u>Book here</u> If you have any questions, please contact prevention@childrenssociety.org.uk

Transitions to Adulthood: Preventing exploitation as children approach and turn 18	<u>Further info here</u> You may want to read some of The Children's Society's <u>resources</u> prior to attending these sessions in order to get the most out of these, but this is not a requirement.	8th December 1pm – 3pm	The Children's Society	<u>Book here</u> If you have any questions, please contact prevention@childrenssociety.org.uk
Self-Neglect	Gain the knowledge and confidence to identify and respond to self-neglect. This course explores causes, mental health links, safeguarding considerations, and the importance of effective multi-agency collaboration. <u>Further info</u>	Tuesday, 12th January 10am – 3pm		<u>Register here</u>

Understanding Domestic Abuse and Coercive Controlling Behaviour	This 7-hour course explores the dynamics of domestic abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour, helping participants recognise patterns of abuse and their impact on victims and survivors. Learners will gain practical skills to identify, assess and respond to domestic abuse using a victim-centred approach <u>Further info</u>	Friday, 15th January 9:30am – 4:30pm		<u>Register here</u>
Self-Neglect	Gain the knowledge and confidence to identify and respond to self-neglect. This course explores causes, mental health links, safeguarding considerations, and the importance of effective multi-agency collaboration. <u>Further info</u>	Friday, 22nd January 10:00am – 3:00pm		<u>Register here</u>

Why anti-racist practice is essential in our fight against child abuse and exploitation	<u>Further info here</u> You may want to read some of The Children's Society's <u>resources</u> prior to attending these sessions in order to get the most out of these, but this is not a requirement.	26 th January 10am – 12pm	The Children's Society	<u>Book here</u> If you have any questions, please contact prevention@childrenssociety.org.uk
The digital lives of children and young people	<u>Further info here</u> You may want to read some of The Children's Society's <u>resources</u> prior to attending these sessions in order to get the most out of these, but this is not a requirement.	9 th February 1pm – 3pm	The Children's Society	<u>Book here</u> If you have any questions, please contact prevention@childrenssociety.org.uk
Overcoming gender assumptions: Tackling exploitation for young people of all genders	<u>Further info here</u> You may want to read some of The Children's Society's <u>resources</u> prior to attending these sessions in order to get	11 th March 10am – 12pm	The Children's Society	<u>Book here</u> If you have any questions, please contact prevention@childrenssociety.org.uk

	the most out of these, but this is not a requirement.			
Regional Ask and Act Training	The VAWDASV Regional Partnership commissions Ask and Act Training throughout the year. The training provided is as follows: ▪ Ask and Group 2 – Domestic Abuse and Coercive Controlling Behaviour ▪ Ask and Act Group 2 - Older People Who is it for? Professionals in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg area with a particular focus on working with older people. Course Length: Half Day on Microsoft Teams	▪ 17.09.2026 ▪ 08.10.2026 ▪ 05.11.2026 ▪ 14.01.2027 ▪ 11.02.2027		Ask and Act Group 2 – Domestic Abuse and Coercive Controlling Behaviour – Stori <u>Register here</u>
		▪ 09.09.2026 ▪ 10.11.2026 ▪ 24.02.2027		Ask and Act Group 2 – Older People – New Pathways <u>Register here</u>
		▪ 07.10.2026 ▪ 08.12.2026 ▪ 11.03.2027		Ask and Act Group 3 – New Pathways <u>Register here</u>

	<u>Further info here</u> ▪ Ask and Act Group 3 Who is it for? Those working in Cwm Taf Morgannwg Region who are supporting, or wish to support, colleagues who are working with survivors of VAWDASV, then you can be an Ask and Act Champion. Course Length: Full Day on Microsoft Teams <u>Further info here</u>			
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Bawso Training Brochure and Training Offer

Please see below links to Bawso's training brochure for 2026/27 which outlines their nine CPD-accredited training courses, available both online and face-to-face.

As a specialist Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) organisation, Bawso has been supporting survivors and communities for over 30 years. Their expertise is rooted in addressing the complex and intersecting typologies of abuse, including forced marriage, honour-based abuse, female genital mutilation, and human trafficking, enabling them to deliver informed, culturally competent training and support services.

There is also a link below to details of Bawso's current Buy One, Get One Free training offer. When you purchase any of these training sessions, you can receive the 'Working Effectively with People with NRTPF' session free of charge.

- [Bawso's Training Offer](#)
- [Bawso's Training Outcomes 2026/27](#)

Wales Safer Communities Network

For a full list of training provided by the Wales Safer Communities Network and training by other partners that is listed on the Network's website, please select this [link](#).

Training Needs Analysis

The Safeguarding Board has collaborated with the regional VAWDASV Advisor and Social Care Workforce Development Teams to complete a Training Needs Analysis **to help identify safeguarding training priorities** for professionals within the region.

Please could you kindly complete the below surveys relevant to your role as either a staff member or an Organisational Lead Officer:

- [VAWDASV Training Needs Assessment for Cwm Taf Morgannwg \(Staff Survey\) – Fill in form](#)

- [VAWDASV Regional Training Needs Assessment \(CTM\) Organisation Survey – Fill in form](#)

Group D Learning and Development Needs Questionnaire

As part of the ongoing work to support the implementation of the National Safeguarding Training, Learning and Development Standards and Framework, Social Care Wales is seeking feedback on future learning and development needs for Group D practitioners across Wales. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire using the link below:

Group D Learning and Development: Feedback from Regional Safeguarding Boards

The questionnaire explores:

- Group D roles and responsibilities
- Learning and development priorities
- Preferred approaches to training and learning opportunities

Please submit responses by **Friday 25 September**.

The feedback received will help inform future discussions and planning around Group D learning and development, ensuring that any future learning offer reflects regional needs and priorities.