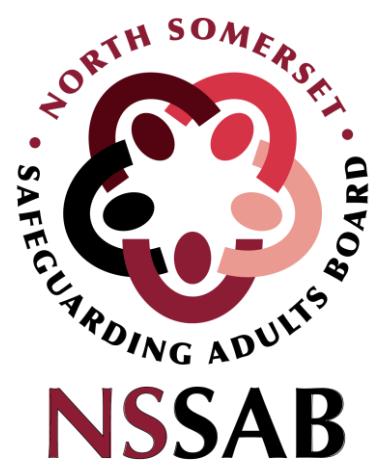


# Covid-19 Multi-Agency Briefings



## Key areas for discussion:

Strategic leads from across the region are attending fortnightly multi-agency briefings currently hosted by the Police. This is a forum to come together to share challenges and to highlight risks. It also provides the opportunity to recognise areas of good practice and to give credit to those services who have adapted and "risen to the challenge" during this pandemic.

The latest briefing was held on Tuesday 16 June and the following areas were discussed:

- The police in conjunction with NextLink are looking at safe and discreet ways to check-up on a list of people who are potentially vulnerable as victims of domestic abuse.
- We are With You gave an update and highlighted the increase of their service users being victims of cuckooing.
- They also reported another alcohol related death of a middle-aged female. Referrals into the Safeguarding Adult Team will be interrogated and any issues will be fed back to the group.
- At the time of the meeting, Weston Hospital had repatriated all patients from Taunton and Bristol; Covid-19 positive cases had diminished across the organisation and the A&E department was preparing to re-open.
- ADASS has carried out a Coronavirus survey. This is published and available to download:  
<https://www.adass.org.uk/media/7967/adass-coronavirus-survey-report-2020-no-embargo.pdf>
- A discussion was held around the positive multi-disciplinary response of hospital discharges. Weston Hospital, Sirona Care and Health and North Somerset Council work well in a multi-disciplinary joined up way to ensure safe discharges.

- The number of Covid-19 positive cases in care homes has significantly decreased over the last couple of weeks and it is thought that the number of cases is now less than five.
- Concern was raised for carers struggling, having had no respite during the lockdown.
- A discussion was held to review the purpose of this group. It was agreed to continue to hold these forums to identify areas of good practice and new ways of working as well as to resolve challenges. It was agreed to meet monthly and Terms of Reference will be produced.

The link to the poster and leaflet advertising support for victims of domestic abuse is now available: [YOU ARE NOT ALONE](#)