

Trilogy of Risk: Raising Awareness Introduction

On behalf of the Safeguarding Boards within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR), a group of professionals have worked together to develop some new materials which we hope will be useful to organisations across the region in their safeguarding work.

Evidence shows that mental health difficulties, substance misuse problems and domestic abuse affect a significant proportion of the adult population. Many of these people are parents or are living with others who may be vulnerable. It is important to stress that the impact of these factors on parenting or their caring capacity varies. The presence of protective factors (such as the active involvement of other family or wider support networks in care and protection) is critical in helping to reduce risk and to offset the potential for negative impact.

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Adults Boards have undertaken case reviews after the death or serious harm to a child or adult and the learning from these reviews has highlighted how we need to understand that risk is increased when these issues are found together and strengthen working practice to tackle this more effectively. They can of course be very harmful when found alone but when two or more of these issues come together in the home the risks can increase significantly.

Living in homes where these issues are present can be harmful to the health and wellbeing of those who are already vulnerable particularly children.

This is a complex area of work and we need to raise the awareness of all workers who may come across individuals who are struggling with one or more of these issues. We want to prompt thinking about the potential for increased risk – whether you work primarily with adults or children.

This simple pack contains a poster, a leaflet, a PowerPoint and video introduction. These can be utilised by managers, trainers and leaders to raise awareness and share key messages.

Each organisation will decide the most proportionate and relevant approach that will work best for their workforce.

We hope you find the pack useful.

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