

COVID 19 Performance Summary Briefing – Up to 31st July 2020.

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership is working with all agencies involved in safeguarding children and young adults to understand the impact of the COVID19 pandemic and lockdown conditions. This includes where there is an anticipated increase in risks to children and young people because of the current situation, as well as how well agencies are working together to ensure at risk and vulnerable children are safe.

We have been looking at information from all agencies and a summary is included in Appendix 1. So far we can see that since the lockdown period began on **March 23rd 2020 up until the 31st July 2020...**



Contacts from members of the public and professionals concerned about the welfare of a child or young person remain lower than pre-lockdown but are increasing. This month saw fewer contacts from schools (due to the summer closure) and the police. **If you are worried about a child or family, there are details here on how to get [help](#). In an emergency, if you believe a child or adult is at serious risk of immediate harm, you should call 999 straight away and speak to the police.**



A spike in calls to Derbyshire police relating to Domestic Abuse was observed in the first week that pubs reopened but this did not continue into the following weeks. If you are worried about domestic abuse, there is further information on how you can get help [here](#).



Agencies continue to work proactively to identify and make contact with children experiencing or at risk of harm, particularly where these risks may be hidden due to decreased contact with schools and other agencies.



Work is ongoing across the partnership to predict and manage the anticipated increase in demand when schools reopen.



Waiting lists continue to increase for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) despite a reduction in referrals, with a higher than usual demand for urgent assessment and intervention in high risk cases. If you are worried about mental health and would like further information on available support, you can call the Mental Health Support line, details [here](#).



The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership have continued to develop and deliver policy updates and training in response to the partnership priorities and emerging issues.

We will be reporting monthly to the Chief Officer Group and further briefings will be provided to reflect the changing nature of performance data as a result of the impact of Covid 19.

