

COVID 19 Performance Summary Briefing – Up to 30 April 2020

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership is working hard with all agencies involved in safeguarding children and young adults to understand the impact of the COVID19 pandemic and lockdown conditions. This includes an understanding of where risks to children and young people have increased 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 so far we can see that since the lockdown period began on **March 23rd 2020 up until the 30 April 2020...**



Contacts from members of the public and professionals concerned about the welfare of a child or young person have decreased in both Derby and Derbyshire. The number of referrals to children's social care has also fallen.



The number of referrals to Social Care and calls to Derbyshire Police for domestic abuse has increased in some areas and not in others. There is concern that due to the lockdown, victims are less able to seek support and are having less contact with professionals. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse there is information [here](#) on how to get help.



Multi-agency meetings are continuing to be held virtually. Agencies are working hard to make sure that families can still take part in these fully.



A number of our vulnerable children are still attending school, but this number is lower than we would expect; agencies are working hard to make sure that children are seen regularly.



Less children and young people are being referred to Mental Health Services; however some of those that are referred for some services (particularly Urgent Care and Eating Disorders) have more severe illnesses than we would normally see.



A new mental health support line has been set up for anyone experiencing increased mental health needs during the Coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic. Further information can be found [here](#).



During the lockdown, fewer young people are going missing from home or care. Practitioners are working hard with a small number of young people who continue to go missing, to keep them safe.



We have seen fewer new cases of Children at Risk of Exploitation in Derby and Derbyshire, but there is concern that there may be a future increase in referrals relating to online safety with young people having more access to social media during this time.

We will be reviewing regularly to make sure that agencies are working together to keep children safe and will be reporting each month. **Further briefings will be provided to reflect the changing nature of performance data as a result of the impact of Covid 19**