

# Daily Briefing

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## Concerns at drop in safeguarding referrals

The chair of the Bradford Partnership (formerly the Children's safeguarding board) has written a [letter](#) expressing concerns that referrals into the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub / Children's Social Care have dropped since the start of the COVID emergency. She says it is unlikely that the level of abuse or amount of domestic abuse has dropped during this period.

Her letter

- Reinforces that safeguarding arrangements are operating as normal and referrals should continue
- Notes that vulnerable children should still be going to school and asks that this message is reinforced.
- Asks for help in identifying vulnerable children that may not be on anyone's radar.

See more information on how to [report a concern](#).

## Safeguarding – advice for Volunteers:

The Safeguarding Adults Board and the Bradford Partnership (formerly Safeguarding Children's board) have put together [safeguarding advice for volunteers](#) that are responding to COVID-19. This gives information and advice and local contacts to use, if volunteers have concerns or need advice.

## Advice for older adults living with dementia:

An [activity booklet](#) has been produced with lots of ideas that those living with dementia, and their carers, can do – this includes music, TV and film, online news, activities on tablets, livestreaming and other resources.

## People Can Good Neighbour Guide:

People Can have updated their [Good Neighbour guide](#) and it is now available in 12 different community languages in order to make it easier to share.

## Famous sons and daughters of Bradford:

Some of the famous sons and daughters of the Bradford District have rallied around to kick off a chain of viral video messages to support the key workers, working hard to maintain essential health and public services amid the growing challenges of coronavirus.

England and Yorkshire cricketer Adil Rashid and adopted Bradfordian Billy Pearce (an Alhambra panto legend spanning over 2 decades) are the first to have signed up.

They have reinforced the important of staying home, protecting the NHS and saving lives. They also urged key workers across the district to share their own stories of life on the front line of the fight against coronavirus.

You can watch [Adil's video](#) and [Billy's video](#) on Twitter.

## Support available for victims of domestic violence:

Domestic violence is expected to rise during this period of isolation – women can still access much needed help by: calling the Staying Put Freephone helpline on 0808 2800 999 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm), calling the National Domestic Violence Freephone helpline on 0808 2000 247 (available 24/7), or if it is an emergency and/or somebody is in danger then do call 999.

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#### Funding:

**Yorkshire Building Society:** [Grants of between £250 and £2,000](#) to groups helping communities cope with the impact of the epidemic, core, staff and travel costs funded as well as volunteer expenses.

**Charities Aid Foundation:** [Grants up to £10,000](#) for smaller orgs affected by coronavirus.

**Prince's Trust:** [£5million enterprise relief fund](#), grants to self-employed 18-30 year olds along with 1:1 support.

**Help Musicians:** [Grants up to £500](#) for musicians struggling financially.

**John Lewis:** [£1million Community Support Fund](#), made available by individual stores.

**One Community Foundation:** [Grants up to £1,000](#) to those supporting vulnerable during COVID.

**Persimmon's Building Futures:** [£1million scheme](#) to support children's health, sport, education and arts.

**Persimmon's Community Champions:** [Donations up to £1,000](#) for over 70's projects.

#### Charity Legal Update:

Sandy Adirondack has [issued updated legal guidance](#) following the April 4<sup>th</sup> revisions to the Government Furlough scheme - this is particularly relevant as it gives guidance around the furlough scheme if you receive public funds. It goes some way to clarifying if you can furlough, who you can furlough, and how; what is eligible and not eligible costs-wise, and details what your employees can /can't be asked/expected to do while on furlough. Combine this with [Gov guidance](#) for full clarity.

#### NCVO resources page:

NCVO Knowhow have updated their [coronavirus page](#) with details about managing and involving volunteers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

#### Centre for Mental Health:

The Centre for Mental Health have recently updated their [resources](#) on COVID-19 and Mental Health with information, support & a short video for any small charities facing financial difficulties.

#### VITAL Update:

The charity VITAL have issued guidance noting that their advocacy support is still ongoing however there will be no face-to-face meetings. They can offer expert advocacy guidance via phone or email, contact them on 01274 770118 or email them on [hello@vitalprojects.org.uk](mailto:hello@vitalprojects.org.uk).

They have also produced a [self-care booklet](#) for the period of isolation.

#### Community Spirit!

It's clear just how strongly people want to support and care for each other right now. The number of local groups inspired by COVID-19 has grown very rapidly. Currently there are around 3,000 groups registered on the central site, some of which are larger area coordination groups which have split down to a ward and/or street level. You can find groups local to you and your organisation on [COVID-19 Mutual Aid UK](#).

#### ACAS: Update to employment law:

ACAS have made available [details of updates to existing employment regulations](#) which come into effect today, they also have a variety of coronavirus related resources for employers and employees.