

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Section 11 Audit**

In December 2019 the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Executive (GSCE) agreed a themed Section 11 audit as recommended by the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Delivery Board.

The themed audit was designed to check compliance with 4 of the Section 11 standards previously agreed by the partnership chosen due to the overlap with key recommendations arising from Serious Case Reviews (SCR). The four standards chosen were:

1. Leadership and accountability
2. Staff safe recruitment, induction, training and development
3. Safeguarding policies and procedures
4. Listening to children and young people

As a Local Authority we are asked to carry out an internal audit of our practices and procedures and submit an assurance report at the end of November 2020. This was then collated with the other District and Borough Councils responses to feed into the Section 11 audit for the County.

This audit is not a pass or fail but gives an Independent Scrutineer the opportunity to review the submissions from the District Councils as a collective, identify good practice and areas for improvement. Stroud has been noted as an example of good practice in relation the fourth standard 'Listening to children and young people'. The District Council summary can be found on page 43 of the report.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2106191/gscp-section-11-report-2020-final-v2.pdf>

### **Training**

All staff and Elected Members have been sent the log in details for the mandatory safeguarding training courses at level 1 for Adults and Children. The training provider (Me Learning) is used by the County Council to deliver its e learning training provision to staff in relation to children.

We have also been able to provide the same course available to our volunteers and casual staff at the Museum in the Park and casual staff at The Pulse. We can also

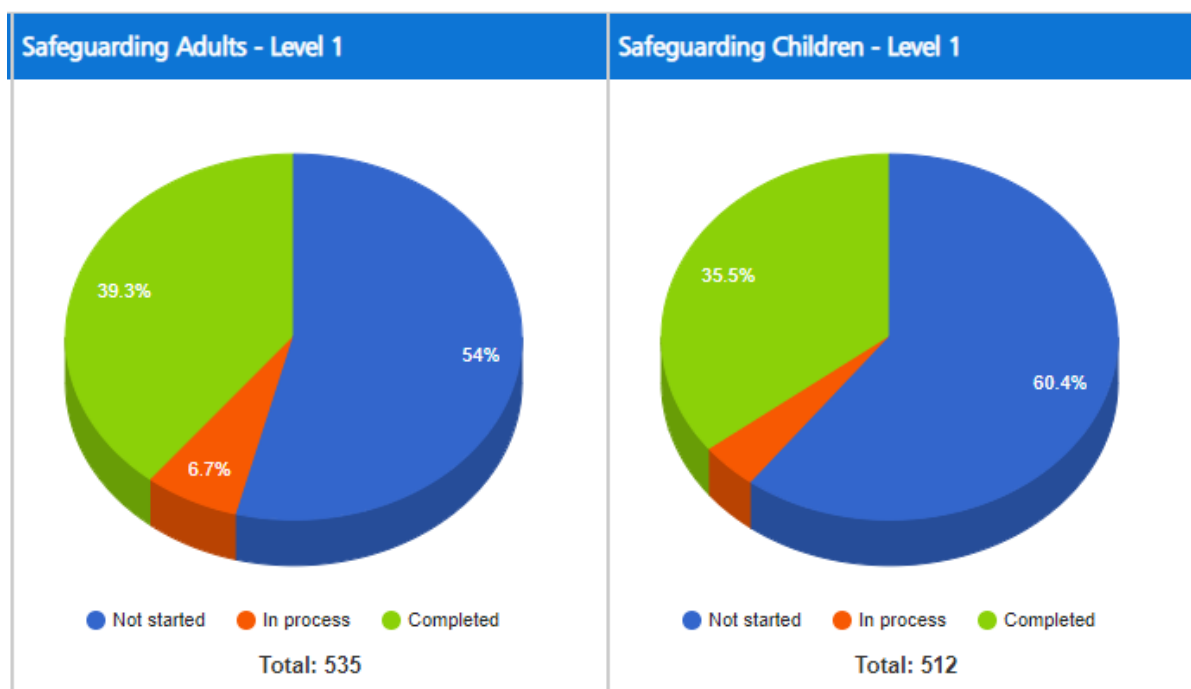
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offer this training to those people who are or will be involved in the Community Hubs and Parish and Town Council Emergency Planning Response teams.

Staff and Elected Members will be required to undertake safeguarding training annually. New starters are required to undertake this as part of their probationary period. The training also includes recognising Domestic Abuse and the Home Office Prevent online course which comes under the wider safeguarding umbrella.

The figures of those who have completed of the courses as of 07/09/2021 is detailed below



This will be followed up with further emails from HR to those people who have not yet completed the courses.