

Safeguarding

The Impact of the pandemic



The impact of the global pandemic is far reaching. Families were affected in profound ways that many of us will not have experienced in our lifetime.

We must ensure that as early years professionals, we are responsive to the changing landscape of our communities and continue to apply established safeguarding practices to enable us to offer the most effective support to children and families.

Task

Looking at the following list, consider the impact of the pandemic on current practice.

Think about the children and families you work with, the challenges that have presented themselves and signs and indicators that are of concern?

Is there further learning that you will require to enable you to better support children and families moving forward?

- Domestic Violence
- Missed opportunities to engage in early years provision.
- Attachment and separation anxieties
- Poorer levels of mental health and well being
- Financial pressures
- Stress and frustrations
- Impact following isolation.
- Lack of engagement in services
- Bereavement and physical health issues
- Change to working patterns and family routines.
- Hunger – increased use of food banks