

Update from South West Basic Command Unit

Despite the challenges relating to the COVID 19 crisis, South West Police remain committed to protecting the most vulnerable children and adults across our four boroughs of Merton, Wandsworth, Kingston and Richmond. We are working closely with our key safeguarding partners to identify those most at risk and to respond in the most appropriate and safe way possible.

The Police Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, Child Abuse Referral Team and Child Protection Conference Team continue to process and risk assess referrals and concerns regarding children and vulnerable adults across the BCU. Our staff have adapted well to working remotely in response to the Government's advice and we remain in close communication with our statutory safeguarding colleagues to protect vulnerable people as effectively as we can during this crisis.

Our Safeguarding Investigation teams continue their work 24/7 to bring domestic abuse, child abuse, adult abuse, serious sexual offences and hate crime offenders to justice. We continue to be fully engaged with the use of technology for continuing with multi agency safeguarding meetings to support and protect those most in need of multi-agency intervention.

South West Police Command are monitoring the impact of the COVID 19 crisis in terms of safeguarding trends and police resources closely and we remain focussed on keeping South West London safe.

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