

## Weekly Educational Bulletin: Number 4

Many of the press headlines this week are focused around the alarming rise in domestic violence, neglect. Currently, as well as the efforts of treating patients with Covid-19 we need to reflect on how we manage adult safeguarding through this pandemic crisis.

**The Guardian: Revealed: Surge in domestic violence during Covid-19 crisis**

*“Shocking statistics revealed that domestic violence has surged since the start of the coronavirus lockdown...”*

**Sky News: Coronavirus: Rise in domestic abuse incidents during Covid-19 outbreak, police leader warns** *“Greater Manchester’s deputy mayor for policing and crime says authorities are preparing for serious incidents during lockdown”*

**The Times: Domestic abuse in lockdown: government must do more to help victims** *“Lockdown means victims of domestic abuse are trapped, all day every day, with the person they are most frightened of in the World”*

**RCGP:** *“Domestic Violence is an abuse of human rights and a major public health problem because of the long-term health consequences for people who have experienced it. Many people experiencing abuse believe that their GP can be trusted with disclosure and GPs can offer practical support to protect people who disclose”*

When we think about safeguarding it is also important to remember vulnerable adults with care and support needs.

**Social care Institute for Excellence (SCIE):** *“These adults could be vulnerable to abuse and neglect as others may seek to exploit disadvantages due to age, disability, mental or physical impairment or illness”*

*“At a time of international crisis, those who seek to exploit these vulnerabilities are quick to act”*

**This is a time when we must all be extra vigilant and try to pick up any early signs that something isn’t right.**

[https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/safeguarding-adults?utm\\_campaign=11448614\\_SCIELine%2002%20April&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=SOCIAL%20CARE%20INSTITUTE%20FOR%20EXCELLENCE%20&utm\\_sfid=003G000002E9K9fIAF&utm\\_role=Manager&dm\\_i=4O5,6TDT2,JJO55A,RAN1V,1](https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/safeguarding-adults?utm_campaign=11448614_SCIELine%2002%20April&utm_medium=email&utm_source=SOCIAL%20CARE%20INSTITUTE%20FOR%20EXCELLENCE%20&utm_sfid=003G000002E9K9fIAF&utm_role=Manager&dm_i=4O5,6TDT2,JJO55A,RAN1V,1)

## Useful Resources

There are many resources, we have pulled together a few for you which may be useful. They are attached to this document.

For further reading around this topic, selected links are listed below. Included in these are further information about agencies such as **MIND, Safelives, Respect** who all have specific phone lines for those who are experiencing abuse.

<https://irisi.org/>

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/safeguarding/domestic-abuse.aspx>

<https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/> (adult safe-guarding up to level 4)

<https://safelives.org.uk/gp>

<https://www.themdu.com/guidance-and-advice/guides/domestic-abuse-your-legal-and-ethical-duty> (Scenarios to work through)

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/ethical-hub/adult-safeguarding>

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/learning-materials/disclosure-when-there-is-suspected-domestic-abuse> (learning scenarios to work through)

## **Covid-19 Medication Trials**

**Verdicts: Published 14<sup>th</sup> April Centre for Evidence Based Medicine**

### **1. Hydroxychloroquine for Covid-19: What do the clinical trials tell**

**US** (Robin E Ferner and Jeffrey K Aronson)

- a. Current data does not support the use of Hydroxychloroquine for the prophylaxis treatment of Covid-19
- b. No trials at present support the view that hydroxychloroquine is effective in the management of even mild Covid-19 disease

### **2. N-acetylcysteine: A Rapid review of the evidence for effectiveness in treating Covid-19** (Oliver Van Hecke and Joseph Lee)

- a. NAC has been proposed for the use in the therapy/prevention of many respiratory diseases including Covid-19
- b. No Conclusions have been reached to date and further studies are required

### **3. Loinavir/ritonavir: A rapid review of effectiveness in Covid-19** (Jienchi Dorward and Kome Gbinigie)

- a. There is currently no strong evidence in the efficacy of these drugs in treating Covid-19
- b. Several ongoing trials are currently recruiting



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