

News Release

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Help us to keep our children safe

Due to the lockdown caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, thousands of children within Rhondda Cynon Taf, Merthyr Tydfil and Bridgend, are remaining at home, which unfortunately is not always the safest place for some. There is a hidden group of children potentially at risk of abuse or neglect who are having much less interaction with statutory services.

It is for this reason that the Chairs of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board are urging the public to help our children to stay safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic, by being vigilant and looking out for **any signs** that a child may be experiencing abuse or neglect.

If anyone does have concerns, please do not turn the other way. We all have a duty to report and it's easy to do so. Simply contact your local Safeguarding Team on one of the numbers below:

- **Rhondda Cynon Taf (Children)- 01443 425006**
- **Merthyr Tydfil - 01685 725000**
- **Bridgend (Children) - 01656 642320**

Opening Hours:

- Monday - Thursday: 8.30am - 5.00pm
- Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm
- Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays: Closed

Out of Hours Emergencies

To contact social care services outside office hours, at weekends and bank holidays, contact the **Cwm Taf Morgannwg Emergency Duty Team on 01443 743665** (this covers RCT, Merthyr Tydfil and Bridgend).

If you suspect a child is at immediate risk of harm call 999 and speak to the Police.

Safeguarding is everyone's business!

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