



Safeguarding and domestic violence introduction

For some of our patients, the advice “stay home-save lives” carries a serious threat. For some, home is not safe, and they bear-or witness-abuse and violence from which there is no escape. In the six weeks after 9 March 2020, when people with coronavirus symptoms were asked to self-isolate, the Metropolitan Police reported charges and cautions for domestic violence were up 24% compared with the previous year.

Safeguarding children and adults remains as critical during this pandemic as it at other times and general practice has a vital role. The responsibility for practices is the same, the way it is executed will be different during the lock down.