

Welcome to the 10th edition of the Boards' Business Unit E-Bulletin.

We hope that you find this a useful signposting and supportive tool.

These e-bulletins will be circulated on a regular basis. Please cascade to staff within your settings.

January 2016

Safeguarding Boards' Business Unit

The business unit said a fond farewell to Heidi Gibson, Development Officer/LADO at the beginning of December, Heidi commenced a new role as Business Manager for Durham Safeguarding Adults Board and we wish her well in her new role. The recruitment process to replace Heidi has been undertaken with her replacement starting shortly, details will be forwarded in due course. Please find attached team contact details for information.

Safeguarding Boards' Annual reports 2014-15

The annual reports for both the Safeguarding Children and Adult Boards for 2014-15 have now been published. They can be viewed on both the children and adult websites.

[Safeguarding Adult Annual Report 2014-15](#)

[Safeguarding Children Annual Report 2014-15](#)

Developing Darlington

What is Developing Darlington?

Developing Darlington is an open partnership collaboration of services with responsibilities for the training and development of staff, trainees and volunteers in Darlington.

Developing Darlington meet bimonthly and work collaboratively as multitude of appropriate partners in order to develop and offer well planned/mapped CPD programmes and opportunities.

Developing Darlington contribute to the prevention of duplication regarding training and development processes and programmes and are both proactive and responsive to the needs of Darlington (from volunteers to DBC staff and partners). This approach extends the training and development curriculum offer and widens training opportunities (including accreditation).

Developing Darlington is an open group with no hierarchy. Members from every sector who can contribute to the aims of the group are welcomed. For further information contact [Martin Webster](#) on 01325 406457.

Female Genital Mutilation - Mandatory Reporting

The Home Office have published procedural information on the mandatory reporting of FGM. FGM is illegal in England and Wales under the FGM Act 2003. **It is a form of child abuse and violence against women.** FGM comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia for non-medical reasons.

Section 5B of the 2003 Act¹ introduces a mandatory reporting duty which requires regulated health and social care professionals and teachers in England and Wales to report 'known'

cases of FGM in under 18s which they identify in the course of their professional work to the police. **The duty applies from 31 October 2015 onwards.**

To view this information click on the link. [Mandatory Reporting of FGM](#)

Controlling or Coercive Behaviour Statutory Guidance

In December 2015 The Home Office published statutory Guidance on Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an intimate or family relationship. The Serious Crime Act 2015 received royal assent in March 2015. The Act created a new offence of controlling or coercive behaviour in intimate or familial relationships (section 76). The new offence closed a gap in the law around patterns of controlling or coercive behaviour in an ongoing relationship between intimate partners or family members. The offence carries a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment, a fine or both. A briefing document highlighting the Act is attached, which was kindly shared by Durham Constabulary. The full guidance can be viewed [here](#).

ERASE - Child Sexual Exploitation

Young people across Durham and Darlington are to receive additional support to help them stay safe, in a bid to end child sexual exploitation. A new website has been launched by a multi-agency ERASE team, as a source for help and information for children, parents and the wider community.

The team involved in 'ERASE' which stands for Educate and Raise Awareness of Sexual Exploitation, have already seen a number of local successes in the fight against abuse. The team focus on child sexual exploitation, but also on missing children, as being reported missing from home can be an indicator that a child is at increased risk of sexual exploitation. See attached Press release for further information.

The website can be viewed at www.eraseabuse.org

Digital Dangers

Barnardos in partnership with The Marie Collins Foundation have published a report on Digital Dangers and the impact of technology on the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and young people. The report can be viewed on the [Barnardos website](#).

Intervene to Protect a child

Durham Constabulary have launched a new initiative

Safeguarding Adults multi-agency Procedures

A reminder that the Darlington Multi-agency policy and procedures to safeguard adults from abuse have recently been revised. Click [here](#) to view.

Please remember to use the new paperwork and express the importance of completing correctly and timely to all. Please find attached flyer for more information.

Keeping Children Safe in Education Update

The statutory guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education is under consultation to seek views about proposed changes. To view the consultation document, click [here](#). The consultation closes on 16th February 2016. To view a copy of the draft revised guidance. Click [here](#).

Training

The training programme for both Boards is continually updated, a number of training sessions are currently available (see table below). Due to courses being developed on a regular basis the programme is updated and refreshed and posted on the [website](#). Any requests for training should continue to be forwarded to LSCBtraining@darlington.gov.uk. Full details of times and location of training courses can be viewed by accessing the training programme available on the website (link above).

Safeguarding Training

January 2016	
20th	Safeguarding Adults Level 1
February	
26th	Safeguarding Adults Level 1
March	
1st	Safeguarding Adults Level 2
2nd	Safeguarding Children Level 1
8th	Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking
10th	Safeguarding Adults Level 1
16th	Safeguarding Adults Level 2
23rd	Deaf and Disabled Children
29th	Safeguarding Children Level 2
31st	Adults Formal Enquiries/Investigation
April	
8th	Safeguarding Children Level 2
12th	Safeguarding Adults Level 1
15th	Domestic Abuse
19th	Neglect
20th	Adults Formal Enquiries/Investigation
22nd	E-Safety
26th/27th	Safeguarding Adults Workplace Training
May	
3rd	Safeguarding Children Level 1
11th	Safeguarding Adults Level 1
17th	Safeguarding Adults Level 2
June	
2nd	Safeguarding Children Level 1
7th	Safeguarding Children Level 2

Suggestions/Comments

We would like to know your views on the bulletins and would also welcome any suggestions for items to be included in future editions, for example any good practice or awards you have won that can be shared across agencies. Please forward your comments to [mailboxes](#) or telephone 01325 406450