

Boards' Business Unit



Welcome to the 12th 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.

June 2016

Wood Review of Local Safeguarding Children Board's

A review has been undertaken by Alan Wood in March 2016 regards the role that Local Safeguarding Children's Boards play in protecting and safeguarding children. The review has highlighted a number of recommendations in respect of multi-agency arrangements for protecting children, serious case reviews (SCR's) and Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPS's). Please find link below to the full report along with a link to the Governments response (may 2016) to the review.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wood-review-of-local-safeguarding-children-boards>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wood-review-of-lscbs-government-response>

NSPCC Whistleblowing advice line for professionals

Just a reminder that the NSPCC has launched the whistleblowing advice line for professionals which is available for anyone concerned about how workplace child protection issues are being handled. The advice line was commissioned by the Home Office as a firm commitment made by Government in its response to failures to protect children from sexual exploitation in Rotherham. The telephone number is 0800 028 0285 or visit the link below for further information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/new-whistleblowing-advice-line-professionals/>

Child Protection Conference Process - Sharing of Reports

As part of the Local Authority drive to improve the child protection conference process the authority is proposing a new arrangement which will take effect from the 1st July, whereby agency reports are sent out via secure e-mail two days prior to conferences taking place (giving professionals more time to digest information). In order to do this the Safeguarding Unit will need agencies to provide secure e-mail

addresses to which reports will be sent. Please provide secure e-mail addresses to secure.mailbox@darlington.gcsx.gov.uk

LAW Commission - Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty Interim Statement May 2016

Please click on link to view the Interim Statement document from the Law Commission regards [Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty](#)

Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter

Please find attached the first edition of the Safeguarding Adults Board newsletter detailing headlines from the last Board meeting, the business unit are in the process of developing a similar newsletter for the Children's Board which will be circulated in due course.

ADASS- Making Safeguarding Personal for Safeguarding Adults Boards

Please click [here](#) for draft consultation document which details support for Boards in promoting and supporting Making Safeguarding Personal across the partnership. This resource sets out to support SABs in both an assurance role and to actively support and lead a culture change towards Making Safeguarding Personal, both within and across organisations. Boards can prevail upon senior managers in key organisations to identify opportunities to facilitate the necessary culture and organisational change in their own organisations.

Feedback is required on a number of questions (identified on page 2). Please forward any feedback to safeguardingboards@darlington.gov.uk, the business unit will collate all responses and forward by 1st October 2016.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Runaway and Missing Children and Adults - Inquiry into the safeguarding of 'absent' children

The All-Party Parliamentary Group have undertaken an inquiry to establish if children who are reported as 'absent' as opposed to 'missing' are appropriately safeguarded. The report published in May 2016 has identified a number of national and local recommendations. Click [here](#) to view the full report.

Lord Laming Independent Review - In Care, Out of Trouble

The review was established to examine the reasons for, and how best to tackle, the over representation of children in care, or with experience of care, in the criminal justice system in England and Wales. A number of key facts were identified in the review that impacted on Looked After Children, in particular those within the criminal justice system. Click [here](#) to view the report.

Dementia Care

Please find attached information poster highlighting a free 4 week online course for anyone who cares for someone living with Dementia.

Further details are available on the future learn [website](#).

Herbert Protocol

The Herbert Protocol is a joint initiative between Darlington and Durham Adult Services aimed to protect adults with care and support needs who go missing from home. At the moment the project has been rolled out to residential settings and after an initial evaluation

consideration will be given to extend the initiative to the wider community. Further details to follow in due course.

NSPCC Learning from Case Reviews - thematic briefings

Please click [here](#) to view the NSPCC thematic briefing which highlights the learning from case reviews, each briefing focuses on a different topic, pulling together key risk factors and practice recommendations to help practitioners understand and act upon the learning from case reviews.

North East and Cumbria Mortality Review Pilot

The North East and Cumbria has been the first piloting region for the learning disability mortality review programme for people with learning disabilities. A learning and sharing event is being held on 19th July at The Durham Centre, Belmont Industrial Estate, DH1 1TN. The purpose of the day is to share the learning.

To book a place click on the link below.

[Learning and Sharing Event](#)

Basic Awareness of Child and Adult Sexual Exploitation

An e-learning basic awareness of child and adult sexual exploitation e-learning course has now been release by the Virtual College. The course is designed to explain what sexual exploitation is and to help learners identify the vulnerability factors. Upon completion, learners should be able to recognise the signs and indicators of sexual exploitation, understand the importance of multi-agency working and the safeguarding frameworks in place to manage concerns of sexual exploitation, and act appropriately if they have a concern.

The screenshot shows the title page of an e-learning course. At the top right, there are links for 'Menu | Glossary | Resources'. The main title is 'Basic Awareness of Child and Adult Sexual Exploitation'. Below the title, there is a text box with the prompt 'Please type your name here.' and a 'START' button. The background features a stylized illustration of a street with a lamp post and houses. At the bottom left, there are 'Replay' and 'Audio' icons. At the bottom center, there is a welcome message: 'Welcome to 'Basic Awareness of Child and Adult Sexual Exploitation'. To get started, please type your name in the text box and select 'Start'.' At the bottom right, the 'VIRTUAL COLLEGE' logo is displayed.

To access the training you will need to contact Chris Ashford, Safeguarding Board's Multi-Agency Trainer who will set you up with access to the system. Chris can be contacted via e-mail chris.ashford@darlington.gov.uk or by telephone on 01325 406453.

Training

Key Messages

The safeguarding Boards circulated the 2016-17 training needs analysis questionnaire in May to identify any gaps, analysis is currently underway. The training programme will be reviewed based on the findings of the survey.

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 as above).

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| June | |
| 30th | Adults Formal Enquiries/Investigation |
| July | |
| 7th | Adults Level 2 |
| 12th | Child Level 1 |
| 21st | Children Level 2 |
| August | |
| 5th | Adults Level 1 |
| 9th | Adults Level 2 |
| 10th | Adults Formal Enquiries/Investigation |
| 16th | Child Level 2 |
| September | |
| 2nd | Child Level 1 |
| 6th | Adults Level 1 |
| 7th | Core Groups and Child Protection Conferences |
| 20th | E-Safety |
| 21st | Adults Level 2 |
| 23rd | Domestic Abuse |
| October | |
| 5th | Working with disclosure of Sexual violence, Childhood Sexual Abuse, and Domestic Abuse |
| 20th | Adults Formal Enquiries/Investigation |
| November | |
| 8th | Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking |
| 8th | Multi-Agency Working to Safeguard Disabled Children |
| December | |
| 8th | Working with disclosure of Sexual violence, Childhood Sexual Abuse, and Domestic Abuse |

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Id 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 SafeguardingBoards@darlington.gov.uk or telephone 01325 406450.