

Boards' Business Unit



Welcome to the 13th 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 setting.

September 2016

Appointment of new Independent Chairs to the Darlington Safeguarding Children and Adult Boards

There have been two new appointments of Independent Chair to both the Adult and Children Safeguarding Boards. We welcome Anne Baxter as Independent Chair of the Darlington Safeguarding Adults Board and Simon Hart as Independent Chair of Darlington Safeguarding Children Board.

Keeping Children Safe in Education - Updated Statutory Guidance for schools and Colleges, September 2016

Keeping children safe in education statutory guidance has been updated. Please find below link to revised guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

Government Consultation on reporting and acting on child abuse and neglect

The Home Office and the Department for Education have launched a public consultation on reporting and acting on child abuse and neglect. The Government continues to consider what more can be done to protect children from abuse and neglect and this exercise is to fully explore all the options before taking any further decisions. The consultation process will end on Thursday 13th October at 12.00. Please view the [consultation materials](#). You can respond directly to the consultation [here](#) or alternatively contact the Safeguarding Boards Joint Business Unit at safeguardingBoards@darlington.gov.uk who will forward your views to the Home Office.

Bruising in non-mobile babies

Bruising in non-mobile children is rare and there is therefore a significant risk that bruising may indicate abusive or neglectful care. Unfortunately nationally and locally bruising is not always responded to appropriately by Health Visitors, Doctors, GPs and other health professionals. As a result a significant number of abusive events have been missed resulting in children being placed at risk, serious untoward incidents and serious case reviews.

The attached protocols set out guidance by addressing the requirement of all professionals to refer bruising in non-mobile children for immediate assessment by Children's Social Care and Consultant Paediatrician.

WePROTECT Global Alliance Strategy to end the sexual exploitation of children online

The WePROTECT Global Alliance, with support from Baroness Joanna Shields the UK Minister for Internet Safety and Security has developed a strategy to transform how online child sexual exploitation is dealt with worldwide. Please click on link below for information.

<http://www.weprotect.org/strategylaunch/>

Action for Children, NSPCC and Research in Practice have commissioned three linked evidence scopes:

Please find attached links to documents for information.

Scope 1 - [Exploring the relationship between neglect and child sexual exploitation](#)

Scope 2 - [Potential relationship between neglect and adult perpetrated intra-familial child sexual abuse](#)

Scope 3 - [Potential relationship between neglect and children and young people developing harmful sexual behaviours](#)

Disrespect Nobody Teenage Relationship abuse campaign

Please find below link to website for Information on Teenage Relationship abuse campaign Disrespect Nobody which was launched earlier in the year.

<https://www.disrespectnobody.co.uk/>

NSPCC launches PANTS song

NSPCC updates its PANTS campaign by launching its PANTS song and animation to help protect children from sexual abuse. The PANTS campaign was launched three years ago to provide support to parents to enable them to talk to their children about staying safe without even having to use the term sexual abuse.

P - Privates are private

A - Always remember your body belongs to you

N - No means no

T - Talk about secrets that upset you

S - Speak up, someone can help

To view the song and animation click on the NSPCC website link below.

www.nspcc.org.uk/pants

Multi-agency statutory guidance on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Please find below link to HM Government multi-agency statutory guidance on FGM, published in April 2016.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>

Safeguarding Adults Review Protocol

Please find attached the safeguarding adults review (SAR) protocol which has been developed to assist practitioners and specifies the statutory requirements and the working arrangements of Darlington Safeguarding Adult Board in respect of SAR's and alternative learning from case reviews. The purpose of the SAR is to identify learning that will bring about improvements so that the likelihood of harm to adults at risk is minimised.

Reminder to seek consent from adult at risk when reporting a concern

Professionals need to be mindful when reporting a concern they must seek consent from the adult at risk. Without seeking consent it could delay support and services in responding to the concern.

Safeguarding Adults Board newsletter

Please find attached the second edition of the Safeguarding Adults Board newsletter detailing headlines from the last Board meeting held in June 2016.

Regional Safeguarding awareness raising campaign

The regional safeguarding awareness radio campaign is being broadcast on Smooth radio from July for eight weeks. Further information is available on the North East Adults Safeguarding Network website. Link below.

<http://www.safeguardingadultsne.com/>

Community Peer Mentor Training

Please find attached leaflet detailing how to volunteer and train to become a 'Community Peer Mentor'. The project is a joint initiative between the Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) for County Durham and Darlington and Darlington Borough Council. Find out how to join a group of people who have helped change the lives of vulnerable and isolated people in Darlington.

Training

Safeguarding Boards' Training Annual Report 2015-16

Please find attached 2015-16 Annual Training Report from the Safeguarding Boards.

Training Programme

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).

e-learning basic awareness of child and adult sexual exploitation - Virtual College

To access an e-learning basic awareness of child and adult sexual exploitation course, please contact Chris Ashford, Safeguarding Board's Multi-agency trainer to set you up with access to the system. Chris can be contacted by e-mail chris.ashford@darlington.gov.uk or by telephone 01325 406453.

September	
20th	E-Safety
21st	Adults Level 2
22nd	Designated Safeguarding Lead Role in Education
23rd	Domestic Abuse
October	
5th	Working with disclosure of Sexual violence, Childhood Sexual Abuse, and Domestic Abuse
11th	Child Level 1
12th	Adults Level 1
20th	Adults Formal Enquiries/Investigation
25th	Adults Level 2
27th	Child Level 2
November	
2nd	Adults Level 1
8th	Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking
8th	Multi-Agency Working to Safeguard Disabled Children
9th	Child Level 1
22nd	Adults Level 1
29th	Adults Level 2
30th	Adults Formal Enquiries/Investigation
December	
1st	Child Level 1
6th	Adults Level 1
8th	Working with disclosure of Sexual violence, Childhood Sexual Abuse, and Domestic Abuse
13th	Child Level 2
14th	Adults 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 SafeguardingBoards@darlington.gov.uk or telephone 01325 406450.