



MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the second bulletin from the Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board. The Board is made up of leaders from a range of organisations such as police, public health, CQC, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), providers of health care, social care, housing, voluntary services and the Probation Service all of whom have an interest in safeguarding adults at risk of abuse or neglect. On a bi-monthly basis the board meet to ensure safeguarding practice is well coordinated and meeting the needs of individuals being safeguarded.

The Board met on 24 June 2016 and the headlines from the meeting are:

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR KINDNESS
& INSPIRATION.

Thank you!

It is with regret Mike Vening the Independent Chair has resigned from his post due to personal circumstances. Mike has been the Independent Chair of the Board since 2013 and he has brought vision, leadership and promoted excellent multi-agency working across the partnership. Instead of goodbye the Board wanted to say thank you to Mike for everything he has done and contributed to the Board.



Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

MSP is seeing people as experts in their own lives and working alongside them in safeguarding situations in a way that enhances involvement, choice and control as well as improving quality of life, wellbeing and safety. This approach is a shift in culture and practice and locally the Board members have undertaken a thematic audit to better understand how well MSP is embedded across our partners. The learning from the audit is to a degree MSP is informing and influencing practice, but there is an acknowledgement that more support and training should be given to improve this further. At the Board meeting in June it was agreed to host an event aimed at practitioners to promote and better help people working with adults at risk how to make their safeguarding experience personal and to ensure the adult at risk has choice and control of the process and it is not driven by systems its driven by the adult at risk! Watch this space or keep an eye out for the Boards' business unit e-bulletin and your inbox for details of the event.



North East and Cumbria Learning Disability Mortality Review Network

The Board welcomed Judith Thompson, Network Manager and Assurance Lead who presented the pilot that is underway in the region which is looking into approaches to review and learn from individuals who have died with a learning disability, that will aim to improve our understanding of these deaths, and aim to improve the mortality rate of people with learning difficulties. Research tells us that those with a learning disability die

much earlier than their peers. The purpose of the local presentation was to seek Boards agreement to provide the governance overview of the death reviews, and communicate the learning from these deaths locally within the auspices of the prevention agenda Safeguarding Adult Boards have. The Board agreed to consider the information and consider other multi-agency partnerships in the area to determine the best partnership to undertake this function. Updates will be provided once this has been agreed.



Intelligence of practice

The Board agreed additional data items from other agencies which have been proposed after agencies met to look and review their reportable safeguarding data. This is a great achievement that will further enhance the Boards understanding of adult safeguarding across its partnership, as the board has a key role in assuring itself that adults within Darlington are being kept safe. This is expected to come into effect from the end of December 2016 which is quarter 3 reporting period (September to

December 2016).



Policies and Procedures

The Board is responsible for developing and approving multi-agency policy and procedures.

The Board finalised the Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Procedures which are to be followed when *'an adult¹ in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult'*.

These procedures including the adult safeguarding policies and procedures are available via our website: <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-social-care/safeguarding-adults/documents-and-guidance/>

If you have any questions or any matters which you would like to discuss please contact the Safeguarding Boards' Business Unit Development Officer, Marian Garland on 01325 406451.



Multi-agency training

The Board offers a range of safeguarding training to volunteers and employed staff in Darlington working with adults at risk. The Board finalised the annual report which provides an overview of the training offered in 2015/2016 including feedback and difference the training has made to peoples practice. The report will

be found on our website: <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/local-safeguarding-children-board/training/>

You can view the available training today via the website:

http://www.darlington.gov.uk/media/1056565/Safeguarding_Training_Programme.pdf and you can contact the safeguarding boards' business unit on 01325 406452 to book a place or email LSCB.Training@darlington.gov.uk.

Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is:

To be confirmed once interim arrangements and recruitment agreed

The Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is supported by a joint business unit which also supports the Darlington Safeguarding Children Board.

For further information you can contact a member of the team on: 01325 406452.

¹ With Care and Support needs as outlined within the Care Act, 2014.