

MESSAGES BULLETIN

**FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP
BOARD**

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Welcome to the fourth 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, Care Quality Commission (CQC), Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), providers of Health Care, Social Care, Housing, Voluntary Services and the Probation Services all of whom have an interest in safeguarding adults at risk of abuse or neglect. On a bi-monthly basis the Board meets to ensure safeguarding practice is well coordinated and meeting the needs of individuals subject to safeguarding procedures.

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



New Safeguarding Boards' website – Tool for practitioners and the general public

The Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board and the Safeguarding Children Boards have switched on their new website. The website is a very useful resource and practitioner tool which gives you more information about the Safeguarding Boards, better access to information such as safeguarding procedures and practice guidance, access to the training programme. The website includes general information and advice on how to access services aimed at adults at risk, carers, advocates and their families. Visit the site today at www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk.



Updated Multi-Agency Information Sharing Protocol approved!

The Board signed off and approved the multi-agency information sharing protocol. Information sharing is vital to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of adults at risk. This protocol provides the framework for collaborative working and requires a positive approach from services and agencies to work together to protect adults from abuse and neglect among partner organisations. The protocol is available from the [Safeguarding Boards' website](http://www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk) within the professionals area.



Charges for non-attendance on multi-agency safeguarding training

The Safeguarding Boards' have reinstated the commitment to fully implement the multi-agency safeguarding training policy. Any individual who books on training and does not cancel their place will be charged for non-attendance. All staff, volunteers and their managers are asked to ensure they refer to the charging policy prior to booking on any multi-agency training.

Non- attendance impacts on the Safeguarding Boards' resources in terms of the trainer's time, room hire,

refreshments, preparation and most importantly it takes up a place which could be accessed by someone else. The policy is available from the Boards [website](#).



Initiative to better coordinate support for a target group leaving prison

The Board received an informative presentation from Paul Oldham, MAPPA¹ Coordinator on work he is currently undertaking to better coordinate the support and services available to 'ageing sex offenders'. Durham University conducted research into the challenges faced by services and those adults with care and support needs who are known sex offenders and being unable to find suitable accommodation. The Board is supporting the initiative and has requested this work feeds into the national forums to better understand the prevalence of the issues. For more information contact Paul Oldham at paul.oldham@probation.gsi.gov.uk.



Practitioner event with a focus on better understanding of the Mental Capacity Act/Best Interest Assessments (BIA) and Deprivation of Liberty (DoLs).

The Board has received a one off financial contribution from NHS England to develop local workforces understanding of MCS/BIA and DoLS. We are pleased to confirm we have arranged two dates:

Monday 13th February and Monday 20th March from 9am until 5 pm at Darlington Mowden Park, Northern Echo Arena, Neasham Road, Darlington, DL2 1DL.

We have [Helen Kingston](#) as the key note speaker and drama presentation from [Twisting Ducks](#). In addition there are four workshops with the focus of:

- **Self Neglect and learning from local and national case reviews where the adult had full capacity**
- **Developing Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) practice**
- **Planning and conducting good mental capacity and best interest assessments**
- **Importance of advocacy for safeguarding decisions for adults who lack capacity**

To book a place complete the survey at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/practitionerevent

Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is:

Ann Baxter

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 or visit our website:

www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk

¹ Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangement