



Developing a stronger Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

The Board partners met in December 2016 to reflect on progress to date, what further work the Board needed to prioritise and areas of how it can develop and improve which will strengthen how agencies work together to safeguard and promote the well being of adults at risk in Darlington. The Board discussed the priorities and a follow up meeting has been arranged in March to finalise the Business Plan. Board will receive the finalised Business Plan in March 2017. Once approved, the plan will be available on the [Safeguarding Boards website](#).



Improving the support and coordination of support to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) Community

It has been acknowledged by Board that in Darlington it has the largest population of the GRT community. Board are seeking assurances that the community are able to access support and provision from all services. The initial work has established there is specialist provision available, but the coordination of this work should be improved. Board noted that there are other communities that Board need to seek assurances on in respect of access to provision and safeguarding services. It was agreed further work is to be undertaken with strategic leads for Board to seek these assurances.



Approved policies and procedures to support practitioners

The following procedures have been approved and are available from the [Safeguarding Boards' Website](#) in the professional's area:

- PREVENT Practice Guidance and Channel Process
- Protocol for collaborative working and information sharing between professionals to protect children and vulnerable adults



Dedicated Safeguarding Team in Darlington led by a Detective Inspector

Durham Constabulary has reviewed their structure to merge the child and adult safeguarding teams. This change has increased the capacity and will develop Detectives knowledge and experience of dealing with all safeguarding matters. It will also provide greater effectiveness in supervision leading to quicker investigations and an improved outcome for victims.

Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is:

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

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