



## Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

### MESSAGES BULLETIN

## FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the sixth bulletin from the Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board. The Board is made up of leaders from a range of organisations such as Police, Local Authority, 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 **23rd March 2017** and the headlines from the meeting are:



#### ***Learning from a local Safeguarding Adult Review***

DSAPB will undertake Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) when an adult with care and support needs has suffered serious harm as a result of abuse or neglect. The aim of a SAR is to look in detail at specific cases in order to understand the strengths of multi-agency practice as well as how agencies can work better together to safeguard and protect adults from abuse or neglect.

The Board received a presentation into a case where an adult who had Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia suffered a series of falls in a residential care setting and subsequently died in hospital of natural causes as a result of serious injuries. The injuries were sustained as a result of the falls but were not diagnosed until the hospital admission. The review has produced a number of recommendations and the Board will develop an action plan to respond to the learning and agencies will be required to give assurances to Board on their progress and difference they have made to their practice. The findings of the review will be published and the Board will communicate the learning throughout May 2017.



#### ***Developing a stronger Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board***

The Board partners met in March 2017 to discuss what further work the Board needed to prioritise and how Board can develop and strengthen interagency collaboration and promote the well being of adults with care and support needs. The mission of the Board is to ensure that Darlington is an increasingly safer place for adults at risk of abuse and neglect and this forms the basis of the three year Strategic Business Plan. The plan is available on the [Safeguarding Boards website](#).



#### ***Developing a co-ordinated approach across partnerships in Darlington***

The Board received a position paper on 'Developing co-ordinated approach across partnerships in Darlington'. The Board is currently reviewing a co-ordinated approach across the strategic partnerships to develop a more effective contribution to safeguarding and community safety in Darlington, which will include Darlington

