

MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the seventh 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 18th May 2017 and the headlines from the meeting are as follows:



Feedback from the Practitioners Forum

The Independent Chair held the first Practitioners Forum on 26th April 2017. The forum discussed what worked well and what did not work well in respect of safeguarding practice. Practitioners highlighted that they felt well supported by partner agencies and that Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is embedded in practice and is a positive development. County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service shared the safeguarding prevention good practice which is delivered with partner agencies especially in respect of self-neglect and hoarding. Practitioners also discussed the issue of consent in respect of adults with capacity who make unwise decisions, information sharing and pressures of workload and resources. Board reinforced the importance of ensuring that adults at risk have relevant information and are supported in making informed choices. Assurance was given that the transformation programme will strengthen Darlington's approach and ensure compliancy with the Care Act 2014 and shift the culture of the workforce to one of 'risk enablement'. Board members agreed that it is important that they take account of the feedback which reflects the perceptions of front line practitioners. For details of future practitioner forums and to book a place e mail LSCBtraining@darlington.gov.uk.



New Vice Chair

The Independent Chair advised that the current Vice Chair Detective Chief Inspector Lynn Peart has moved to a new role and will be replaced by Karen Agar Associate Director of Nursing (Safeguarding) at TEWV. Board members thanked Lynn for her valuable contribution and wished her all the best in her new role.



Biennial Safeguarding Audit

Board endorsed the new approach to the biennial safeguarding audit. The audit will seek assurance that partner agencies including the voluntary sector, schools, faith groups and GP practices are fulfilling their statutory obligations in respect of safeguarding. The audit is an opportunity for organisations to carry out a health check on their safeguarding policies and procedures, to recognise their strengths and weaknesses and be supported by the DSAPB to make changes where necessary. Following the submission of the audit returns a moderation panel will scrutinise a sample of the audits. The same process will be carried out by the DSCB and key themes from the audit will be reported to Board in November 2017 and to the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2018.



Children and Social Work Act 2017

[The Children and Social Work Act 2017](#) has become an act of parliament after receiving royal assent in April 2017. This represents a wide-ranging and significant change in legislation for the social work profession and will transform arrangements to support, safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The legislation will also require councils to provide personal advisers to care leavers up to the age of 25.



The Learning Disability and Mortality Review (LeDeR)

The Learning Disability and Mortality Review (LeDeR programme) has been commissioned by NHS England to support local areas in England to review the deaths of people with a learning disability to identify common themes and learning points and provide support to local areas in their development of action plans to take forward the lessons learned. The first edition of the National Guidance on Learning from Deaths for NHS Trusts has been published and Annexe D is specific to people with learning difficulties.



Update from Director of Children and Adult Services

The Director of Children and Adult Services informed Board that she attended a recent ADASS event which highlighted that on respect of Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) Darlington Borough Council is in the top five best performing local authorities in the country which is good news for the partnership. Board members supported this citing the good relationship between partner agencies and front line practitioners in Darlington.

The 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.

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