

## MESSAGES BULLETIN

# FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the eighth 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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and the headlines from the meeting are as follows:



### ***Thematic Board: Strategic Overview of Adult Safeguarding in Darlington***

This was a thematic Board meeting focussing on multi-agency performance data. Board explored how effectively organisations work to protect vulnerable adults across Darlington. A task and finish group met in May 2017 to examine the existing multi-agency data set and establish how to realign the data items with Board priorities. It was agreed that there are information gaps in respect of the priorities of Empowerment and Prevention and information from universal services which is not necessarily linked to safeguarding. It was highlighted that County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service

provide useful data in respect of Prevention. Further work will be carried out to collate information in respect of the empowerment and prevention priorities to develop a data set to establish how effectively organisations work together to safeguard adults at risk in Darlington.

### ***Biennial Safeguarding Audit***



The closing date for the biennial safeguarding audit returns was 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and Board was updated about the progress of the audit. This 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. There has been a positive response from the Board partners, the voluntary sector, faith groups and GP practices. The Safeguarding Boards' Business Manager met with the Lead GP for Darlington to discuss the audit and to seek support for all practices in Darlington to complete and submit the audit returns as part of their practice improvement and to enable the DSCB/DSAPB to seek assurance about safeguarding practice. The next stage of the process is for the multi-agency moderation panel to scrutinise a sample of the audits. Key themes will be reported to Board in November 2017.



### **Sexual Exploitation Task and Finish Group**

The joint Durham and Darlington task and finish group looking at sexual exploitation met on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 and has finalised the terms of reference and membership of the group which includes representation from both children and adults workforces. The remit of the group is to review the child sexual exploitation multi-agency procedures and consider adapting them for use with adult exploitation including the use of the soft intelligence form. In addition, the sub-group is also focussing on promoting and raising the awareness of modern day slavery and developing local practice guidance to support workforces in Durham and Darlington. This work is being supported by

Changing Lives commissioned by the Police Crime and Victims Commissioner. Changing Lives is delivering training across the two local authority areas and a development worker has been employed to work with adults in Darlington through outreach and referrals.

**National  
Probation  
Service**



### **MAPPA Information Sharing Briefing**

The National Probation Service has shared learning from a MAPPA Serious Case Review in Durham which identified concerns around the understanding of information sharing when professionals were invited to MAPPA<sup>1</sup>. An information sharing briefing has been developed to support practitioners in their judgement to know when and what to share in this arena. This information is available on the Safeguarding Boards' website. In addition, Paul Oldham (NPS) is delivering a training session in respect of MAPPA at the Dolphin Centre, Darlington on **Monday 23rd October 2017** 10am -12pm and **Monday 13th November 2017** 10am-12pm. The sessions will provide a general introduction to the principles, purpose and procedures of MAPPA and the management of offenders. It aims to raise awareness and understanding of lessons learned from the MAPPA Serious Case Review. More information and details of how to book a place are available on the [safeguarding boards' website](#).



### **Making Safeguarding Personal: Informatics Task and Finish Group**

A task and finish group has been established through the national MSP programme. This will develop a national performance framework to measure the effectiveness of the MSP approach to adult safeguarding and will support councils to improve their systems for collecting information and monitor the effectiveness of safeguarding support. The task and finish group will review what data is already collected at national and local levels, including the Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC). The group is encouraging wider participation in the SAC MSP voluntary returns for 2016/17 and this will be included in the MSP national performance framework. The final report will be published later in the year subject to agreement with the Department of Health.

The 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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<sup>1</sup> Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements