

## MESSAGES BULLETIN

# FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the ninth 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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the headlines from the meeting are as follows:



### ***Thematic Board: Discussion of new categories of abuse as defined by the Care Act 2014***

This was a thematic Board meeting focussing on new categories of abuse as defined by the Care Act 2014: Self-Neglect, Modern Slavery (which incorporates sexual exploitation as a sub-category) and Domestic Abuse. Detective Chief Inspector Neil Edgar of Durham Constabulary delivered a presentation on the subject of Modern Slavery and explained the categories, triggers and signs of Modern Slavery and the National Referral Mechanism. The partnership is currently developing multi agency procedures and practice guidance in respect

of Modern Slavery which will be published on the [Safeguarding Boards website](#) where practitioners can access more information on the categories of abuse as defined by the Care Act 2014.



### ***Multi-Agency Biennial Safeguarding Audit 2017 update***

There has been an excellent response to the Multi- Agency Biennial Safeguarding Audit with the following sectors completing the audit: Education, Faith Groups, Voluntary Sector, GP Practices as well as Board and Statutory partners. The thematic report will be completed in the next few months and the report will be published on our website. For more information about the audit visit the [Safeguarding Boards website](#)



### ***NHS England 'Clinical Leadership a Safeguarding Focus' Course***

NHS England has secured further funding for a popular and well evaluated two day course entitled 'Clinical Leadership: a Safeguarding Focus' which is designed for professional safeguarding leads in both child and adult safeguarding. The target audience is designated and named professionals and strategic leads covering both adult and children portfolios within the NHS economy. The course will provide the opportunity to explore leadership skills and effective ways to work within a multi-agency setting. The

courses are running between September 2017-March 2018 at Leeds, Newcastle, Birmingham, Manchester and London. To book a place e mail [England.safeguarding@nhs.net](mailto:England.safeguarding@nhs.net)



## Library Resources

### ***Developing the quality and use of Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for practice improvement***

The Department of Health has provided funding for the development of a national library of Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) reports and linked resources. The project will help maximise the value of individual SARs to inform improvement by assisting with both the quality of individual SARs as well as the ways they can be readily used. It is anticipated that the SAR library website will be launched in March 2018. For more information contact [lindsey.pike@ripfa.org.uk](mailto:lindsey.pike@ripfa.org.uk) or [Sheila.fish@scie.org.uk](mailto:Sheila.fish@scie.org.uk)

***You can access information on a wide range of safeguarding issues including updates from the Board on the [Safeguarding Boards website](#)***

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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