



## Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

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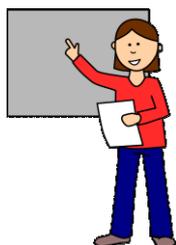
## FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the tenth 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. The Board meets on a bi-monthly basis to ensure safeguarding practice is well coordinated and meeting the needs of individuals subject to safeguarding procedures.

The Board met on **30<sup>th</sup> November 2017** and the headlines from the meeting are as follows:

#### ***Presentation by the Care Quality Commission (CQC)***



Sue Moffatt of the CQC (Care Quality Commission - the independent regulator of health and social care in England) gave a presentation to Board outlining the quality of care in provider settings in Darlington and provided an update regarding the new phase approach which began in November 2017 and outlined changes to the service which will improve practice. The following key points were highlighted: **1.** Changes to the inspection framework including the introductions of new KLOES (key lines of enquiry) and a greater focus on services which require improvement will drive a sustained improvement in services. **2.** The number of safeguarding incidents for all CQC inspectorates has seen an increase since 2015/16. **3.** There is effective information sharing in Darlington between the Local Authority and other agencies and the CQC which is facilitated by bi-monthly meetings. **4.** Of the 44 registered care providers within Darlington: 1 is currently rated as Outstanding; 41 are rated as Good and 2 are rated as Requiring Improvement. For more information on the CQC visit [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)



#### ***The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017***

The [Homelessness Reduction Act 2017](#) received Royal Assent in April 2017. The legislation will place new duties on local authorities to prevent homelessness and is likely to be implemented in 2018. A number of key measures will be introduced including a new duty on public services to notify a local authority in respect of people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Local authorities will be required to provide or secure the provision of free services to give people in their area information and advice on the following: **(i)** preventing homelessness **(ii)** securing accommodation **(iii)** the rights of homeless people **(iv)** the help which is available and how to access help.



**Home Office**

#### ***New measures to improve identification and support for victims of modern slavery***

The Home Secretary Amber Rudd has announced three new measures to improve the way in which victims of modern slavery are identified and supported. A single unit is to be created in the Home Office to handle all cases referred from front line staff and to make decisions

about whether somebody is a victim of modern slavery. This will replace the current case management units in the National Crime Agency and UK Visas and Immigration service and will be completely separate from the immigration system. An independent panel of experts will review all negative decisions, adding significantly to the scrutiny such cases currently receive. Finally, a new digital system will support the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) process, making it easier for those on the front line to refer victims for support and enabling data to be captured and analysed to better aid prevention and law enforcement. The Darlington Safeguarding Boards are currently developing a joint multi-agency practice guidance document in respect of Modern Slavery which will be published in 2018.



**Learning briefing document: Safeguarding Adult Review Gladys**

The DSAPB Adult Learning and Improvement Group has ratified a briefing document which summarises the learning points from the Safeguarding Adults Review in respect of Gladys an eighty six year old lady with mixed Alzheimers disease and vascular dementia who sadly died in care home following a succession of falls. The DSAPB commissioned a Safeguarding Adult Review the findings of which were reported to Board in April 2017. The main areas for learning involve communication between professionals. The briefing document, which is intended for dissemination to professionals, was ratified by the Adult Learning and Improvement sub group in November 2017 and can be accessed here at the [Safeguarding Boards website](#)



**New telephone number for The Meadows Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)**

The The telephone number for The Meadows Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) has changed. The new number is **0191 3018554** and must be used with immediate effect.

**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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