



Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the twelfth 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 which 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 9th March 2018 and the headlines from the meeting are as follows:



Thematic Board- Integrated Care in Darlington

Rebecca Thomas of Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group delivered a presentation to Board members outlining current work and future plans for increasing collaboration and integration between health and social care in Darlington. Darlington is one of ten 'healthy new town' sites in the country and the aim of the integrated model is to bring together health, social care and the VCSE sector and the five year forward plan will bring more streamlined services into the community reducing the current reliance on hospital based care. Board will be updated in October/November 2018 regarding the development of the plan.



Operation Sanctuary- Publication of the Joint Serious Case Review (JSCR)

On Friday 23rd February 2018 The Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board and the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board published a Joint Serious Case Review (JSCR) into sexual exploitation involving children and adults in Newcastle. The report contains a number of local and national recommendations. Some of the key learning points which have already been carefully considered include: the complex nature of sexual exploitation; the extreme and long-lasting impact it has on victims; that sexual exploitation happens to adults as well as children and difficulties in identifying and preventing exploitation. The report can be accessed on the NSAB and NSCB webpages www.nscb.org.uk



Local Government Association (LGA) Modern Slavery- a council guide

The Local Government association (LGA) has produced a document entitled [Modern Slavery – a council guide](#) to help local authorities understand their role in addressing modern slavery through a collaborative approach. The guide gives an overview of modern slavery, the relevant legislation and includes case studies and an explanation of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) and the role of child and adult services. Darlington Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board is currently developing a Modern Slavery practice guidance document in conjunction with Durham Constabulary and Durham Safeguarding Adults Inter Agency Partnership. It is anticipated that this document will be presented to Board in the near future.



Department for Education (DfE): Regulations for Social Work England: Consultation

The Department for Education (DfE) is consulting on the regulations for Social Work England. The Children and Social Work Act 2017 set out the broad legal framework for Social Work England but the detail of the legal framework is set out in the regulations. The consultation seeks views on the policy underpinning these regulations. The consultation closes on 21st March 2018. For further information on the consultation see [Social Work England: consultation on secondary legislative framework](#)



Association (LGA) and ADASS Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) and Working with Risk Workshop

On Wednesday 25th April 2018 the Care and Improvement Partnership, Local Government Association (LGA) and ADASS are hosting a Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) and working with risk workshop. The event is being held at Local Government House in London and will be of interest to Safeguarding Adults Board Chairs and Board Managers, Safeguarding Adults Leads across sectors and Principal Social Workers. The workshop will cover effective evidence based models and principles for working with risk, identify best practice examples and identify key messages for a short briefing paper to inform wider learning. For further information and details of how to apply go to [Making Safeguarding Personal and working with Risk Workshop](#).



Domestic Abuse Legislation consultation

The government has launched a consultation (Thursday 8th March 2018) to seek views on measures to be included in the government's draft Domestic Abuse Bill. The consultation will seek views on legislation as well as other steps that can be taken to tackle the harm caused by domestic abuse and support victims and survivors to rebuild their lives. These include the potential for a domestic violence disclosure scheme known as Claire's Law to be enshrined in legislation and proposals to give domestic abuse victims the same status in court as those who have suffered sex offences so they are eligible for a range of special measures. For more information and to participate in the consultation visit consult.justice.gov.uk. The closing date is 31st May 2018.



Positive feedback about the Professional Challenge Policy and Level 1 Training

A training delegate has reported that having attended the Safeguarding Adults Level 1 training and learning of the [Professional Challenge Practice Guidance](#) she was able to reflect on an individual case and the outcomes of the reported safeguarding concern. She identified issues with the risk management response and identified serious concerns for the person's health and wellbeing and the potential for self-harm. Using the practice guidance and following the escalation flowchart the concerns were escalated and subsequently considered at Head of Service level. As a result a fresh risk management response has been initiated and the risk of harm has been greatly reduced.

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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