



Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the thirteenth bulletin from the Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board. The Board is made up of leaders from a range of organisations including 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 responsibility for safeguarding adults at risk of abuse or neglect. Board meets bi-monthly to ensure safeguarding practice is well coordinated and meets local needs.

The Board met on 17th April 2018 and the headlines from the meeting are:



Darlington Biennial Safeguarding Audit 2017-18

The findings of the biennial safeguarding self-assessment audit were presented to Board members. The audit was an opportunity for organisations in Darlington to carry out a health check on their safeguarding policies and procedures for both children and adults, to recognise their strengths and weaknesses and be supported by the Safeguarding Boards to make changes where necessary. Board members were advised that the responses to the audit were

overwhelmingly positive and that the findings of the analysis and the moderation panel reassure the Board that multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in Darlington are clear and effective. Further work will be carried out on themes which were highlighted during the audit process particularly training and how the process can be developed for future audits. The safeguarding audit report will be published on the Safeguarding Boards' website later in the year.



Livingwell Darlington Directory

Livingwell Darlington is a service that provides information about a wide range of services, activities and organisations in Darlington to help everyone find the support that they need to live healthy and independent lives. The directory was launched in March 2018 detailing services, activities and organisations giving advice, practical support, help at home,

health conditions, childcare information, leisure information and much more. Darlington Borough Council welcomes feedback on the new directory which can be found at

www.livingwell.darlington.gov.uk



DSAPB Safeguarding Adults Leaflet

The Board has produced a new Safeguarding Adults leaflet to explain what is abuse and neglect, how to refer concerns and what action will be taken. The leaflet explains that the views and wishes of the adult at the centre of the enquiry will always be sought and that no decisions will be made without the involvement of the person at risk or their advocate or representative. The leaflet can be found on the [Safeguarding Boards' website](#).



Domestic Abuse Consultation

AVA (Against Violence & Abuse) has published a good practice briefing on the Domestic Abuse Bill consultation. The briefing gives an overview of the consultation, detailing the key proposals and key points. Consultation on the Bill closes on **31st May 2018**. Further information: [Good practice briefing: transforming the response to domestic abuse](#) and [Domestic Abuse Bill consultation](#). In addition a Government Domestic Abuse Consultation Event for the North East will be held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at the Newcastle Discovery Museum. To register an interest

contact domesticabuseconsultation2018@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk



Adult Social Care: The forthcoming Green Paper on older people (England)

The Green Paper will be published in summer 2018 to set out plans for how the government proposes to improve care and support for older people and tackle the challenge of an ageing population. The government will work with independent experts, stakeholders and service users to shape the long term reforms which will be proposed in the Green Paper. Further information is

available in a [House of Commons briefing paper](#).



Law Commissions proposals to reform DoLS

In March 2018 the Government published its final response to the Law Commissions proposals on the reform of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS). The proposals have been broadly accepted with the Government favouring the Liberty Protection Safeguards model set out by the Law Commission. As yet there is no clear timetable for implementation. For further information visit www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/mental-capacity-and-deprivation-of-liberty



Healthy New Towns Update March 2018

Healthy New Town (HNT) Darlington recently hosted a digital event which showcased some potential opportunities for digitally enhanced care which may be adopted in Darlington as part of the Healthy New Towns programme. Darlington is one of ten sites nationally looking at creative and innovative ways to improve health and wellbeing for everyone and

improve housing and the environment, through redesigning services and harnessing the benefits of digital delivery of care. The recent event focussed on 'digital' opportunities. The HNT team was delighted to see a good turnout from technology providers, healthcare providers, social care, patients and citizens, academics and patient involvement organisations. For more information about Healthy New Towns, please click on the following link www.darlington.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/healthy-new-towns



Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has published a summary of the number of potential victims of modern slavery and human trafficking referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) in 2017. Figures show that in 2017 the NRM received referrals in respect of 5145 potential victims which is an increase of 35% on the previous year. Albanian, UK and Vietnamese nationals remain the most commonly reported potential victims. The Board is currently developing jointly with Durham Safeguarding Adults Inter-agency partnership Board a

Modern Slavery Practice Guidance document which will be ratified later in the year. For further information see: [Modern slavery and human trafficking: National Referral Mechanism statistics annual report 2017 \(PDF\)](#).



Adult Safeguarding Summit 2018: Improving Adult Safeguarding Practice, Decision Making, User Involvement and Outcomes

The National Safeguarding Adults Summit will focus on improving adult safeguarding practice, decision making, user involvement and outcomes.

It will take place at the De Vere West One Conference Centre London on **Friday 27th April 2018**. The conference aims to bring together safeguarding leads to understand current issues and the national context and debate key issues which practitioners face with 'making safeguarding personal'. For further information and to book a place at the conference visit www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/adult-safeguarding-summit

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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www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk