



Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the fourteenth 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 4th June 2018 and the headlines from the meeting are:



Jeanne Trotter of the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner (Durham and Cleveland) gave a presentation to Board members about the work of the partnership in bringing together agencies with responsibility for delivering criminal justice services in Cleveland and Durham and the interface with the Safeguarding Boards. The purpose of the LCJP is to ensure that criminal justice agencies work effectively together to deliver positive outcomes for both victims and witnesses of crime and people who offend. A joint collaborative criminal justice team has been formed to work across Cleveland and Durham to work to support the partnership and undertake analysis to better understand how to improve services collectively and develop innovative services. For further information see [LCJP Cleveland and Durham Local criminal Justice Partnership Plan 2018-21](#)



The Director of Children and Adult Services advised Board members that the Ofsted report has formally been received by the local authority. Children's services are now out of intervention and are no longer inadequate. The judgement is now requires improvement to be good. The full report can be accessed [here](#)



A report was presented to Board advising of the multi-agency strategies to reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse in Darlington including the coordinated response on prevention, support and protection services and members were advised on the current services available. Members were advised of a Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence event which would be held in Darlington on 6th June 2018 which will define the roles and responsibilities of organisations to ensure a coordinated approach. The event will include a presentation by Dr Verna Fee Policy and projects manager Office of Police Crime and Victims Commissioner on the 'five force collaboration' which is a whole system approach on domestic abuse. There will be further consideration for the role of the DSAPB in due course.



Durham Police Crime and Victim’s Commissioner -Hate Crime Conference

4th July 2018 Xcel Centre Newton Aycliffe: The Durham Police Crime and Victim’s Commissioner is holding a Hate Crime Conference to develop joint working on community cohesion and hate crime and to identify a series of projects designed to understand and reduce the level of hate crime, increase reporting of incidents, provide effective support for victims and ensure effective

prosecutions. The conference is aimed at managers and practitioners in voluntary and public sector organisations which have a remit to reduce hate crime and improve community cohesion. **The conference is free** and attendance can be booked by contacting

Ashleigh.white@durham.pnn.police.uk



Darlington Cares Support Service – Empowering Carers to make the right

choices: Darlington Cares Support Service is a new project of Co. Durham Carers Support. It is a local charity which provides free high quality services and support to unpaid carers over the age of eighteen living in Darlington. The charity offers a range of services including carer support, training for carers and helping give carers extra time to look after their own wellbeing. The charity also offers a counselling service and support groups. For more information and signposting to services which may be of benefit visit the website www.dccarers.org or contact 0300 0301215



Joint Serious Case Review concerning sexual exploitation in Newcastle:

The Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) and the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) have published a Joint Serious Case Review to consider and learn from sexual exploitation involving children and young adults in Newcastle. The NSAB and NSCB decided to undertake the joint review in 2015 when there was increased awareness of the prevalence of sexual exploitation that had been occurring in the Newcastle area. The review has been undertaken by an Independent Review Team with experience in safeguarding adults and children from police, health, education and social work perspectives. 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. Working with victims has reinforced the importance of intense and long-term support required to gain their trust and also to help them understand their experience and so enable them to talk about this. The primary aim being to support and protect victims from further exploitation and to help them so far as possible to rebuild positive lives. For further information see: [JSCR Report - February 2018](#) /[NSCB/NSAB Response to the JSCR Report/Support for victims](#)



Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board- Keith’s story- A personal and moving film about hoarding:

The Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board has produced a film to raise awareness of hoarding and to guide professionals on what kinds of interventions seem to work the best so that the people affected (both the person who hoards and other people whose lives this impacts upon) get the support that they need. To see the film visit [Birmingham Safeguarding Adult Boards](#)



Independent Review of Mental Health Act: The Department of Health and Social Care has published an interim report on findings from the independent review of the Mental Health Act for England and Wales. Issues under consideration include the dignity and respect of the service user, consent to treatment and treatment without consent, advocacy and reforming the ‘nearest

relative ‘legal role, confidentiality and the use of restraint and seclusion. There is a rolling programme of engagement and if practitioners wish to be involved in the review contact:

MHActreview@dh.gsi.gov.uk For further information see: [The independent review of the Mental Health Act: interim report \(PDF\)](#)



Legislation

Homelessness Reduction Act 2017- The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 will place new legal duties on local authorities in England so that everyone who is homeless or is at risk of homelessness will have access to help irrespective of their priority needs status as long as they are eligible for assistance. The duties commenced in April 2018 and the Act amends the existing legislation pertaining to Part VII of the Housing Act 1996. The act requires a focus on prevention and early actions, strong referral routes and joint working, clear housing pathways and personal housing plans. The Chartered Institute of Housing has produced a useful guide about the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 – [What you need to know about the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017](#)

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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