



Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the fifteenth 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 2nd August 2018 and the headlines from the meeting are:



Department
for Education

New practice guidance: Working together to Safeguard Children 2018

Following the implementation of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 the Department for Education (DfE) has published statutory guidance setting out what organisations and agencies that have functions relating to children must and should do to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and young people under the age of 18 in England. The guidance comes into effect on 3rd September 2018 and the changes must be implemented by September 2019. The transition will be closely monitored by the Adult Safeguarding Board as the changes to the structure of LSCBs may influence future arrangements for the DSAPB. The guidance covers the legislative requirements placed on individual services, a framework for the three local safeguarding partners and a framework for the two child death review partners. This guidance replaces Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015). The DfE has also published statutory guidance to support Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBS), local authorities, safeguarding partners, child death review partners, and the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel in the transition. **For further information see:** [Working together to safeguard children: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children](#) and [Working together: transitional guidance](#). **For a quick guide to the changes see** [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018-changes to statutory guidance](#)



HM Government Publication July 2018: Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers

HM Government has published updated non-statutory advice which reflects the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. The advice is for all frontline practitioners and senior managers working with children, young people, parents and carers who have to make decisions about sharing information on a case by case basis. **The advice may also be helpful to practitioners working with adults who are responsible for children in need.** For further information visit [HM Government: Information Sharing-Advice for practitioners](#)



Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Library

Research in Practice for Adults (RiPFA) has announced the launch of the [Safeguarding Adults Reviews library](#). This contains reports and associated resources to support those involved in commissioning, conducting and quality assuring Safeguarding Adults Reviews

(SARs). For more information visit: www.scie.org.uk/safeguarding/adults/reviews/library/project



Care Quality Commission (CQC) Report: 'Beyond Barriers' – How older people move between health and social care in England.

In July 2018 the Care Quality Commission (CQC), published a report bringing together key findings and recommendations for change, following the completion of 20 local authority area reviews exploring how older people move between health and adult social care services in England. Many older people have complex needs, and meeting these needs usually requires more than one professional and more than one agency to work together. CQC's local system reviews provide a detailed insight into the journey through health and social care for people who use services, their families and carers - and identify where there are gaps which mean that people experience fragmented or poor care. For further information see '[Beyond Barriers](#)' which highlights some examples of health and care organisations working well together - and of individuals working across organisations to provide high quality care.



[Inside Government: Adult Social Care Inspections- Strategic Policy Update Forum](#)

A strategic policy update forum 'Adult Social Care Inspections 2018', will take place on **Tuesday 25th September 2018**, complimented by a practical implementation workshop

on **Wednesday 26th September 2018** in **Central London**. Delegates of Tuesday's strategy forum will explore the latest policy updates surrounding the inspection process, hearing directly from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and NHS England on the role of inspections in driving improvements in quality standards, alongside best practice case studies from those at the forefront, delivering outstanding care. The interactive training course that follows on Wednesday will equip attendees with a wide range of tools to help achieve compliance, good quality care and support continuous improvement. To register for the Policy Forum on 25th click [here](#) or to register for the Training Workshop on 26th click [here](#). To register for both days (at a 20% discount) click [here](#). Alternatively, call the team on 02013 770 6580.



Lay Member Recruitment

The Board recently invited applications for the role of lay member on the Darlington Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board and following an interview and selection process we are delighted to welcome new lay member Steven Tait to the Board. Steven is the Chairman of Firthmoor & District Community Association and has an active interest in safeguarding.



[Healthwatch Darlington Annual Report 2017-18](#)

Healthwatch Darlington has published its fifth [Annual Report \(2017-18\)](#).

Healthwatch Darlington is an independent community champion giving local people a voice that improves and enhances health and social care provision on behalf of the people of Darlington.

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.

For further information you can contact a member of the team on: 01325 406452 or visit our website:

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