



Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the sixteenth 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 October 2018 and the headlines from the meeting are:



Annual Report 2017/18

The Board approved its Annual Report for 2017/18. The Annual Report has been presented in a slightly different format to previous years and outlines how effective the Board was during 2017/2018 in protecting adults at risk from abuse and neglect. The Annual Report also includes the Board's strengths and challenges during this period and how the Board will approach future priorities. The Annual Report will be presented to the Health and Well Being Board and the Adult and Housing Scrutiny Committee within Darlington Borough Council. The

Report is also shared with the Chief Executive and Lead Member of Darlington Borough Council, Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington and the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership. You can read the 2017/18 Annual Report here: [DSAPB Annual Report 2017/18](#)



DSAPB Work Plan for 2018-19

The Board reviewed its work plan for the coming year, the Board developed a three year plan which describes each year how it will deliver against the six priorities. The plan is to be reviewed annually and this is year two of the plan. A number of new actions have been identified by each of the sub groups to support further development

and begin to streamline work. The Board reviewed the communication actions which need to be addressed following changes to the remit of the training sub group and provided advice as to how they should be taken forward and that some responsibility should sit with the communication representatives within each organisation.

PERFORMANCE



- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- AVERAGE
- POOR

Performance Management and Quality Assurance

Board members were provided with an update of the work undertaken by the Quality and Performance sub group in relation to the key multi-agency performance indicator data. An exception report has been developed to highlight emerging themes to Board through a number of primary indicators. The data is now being presented in an infographic format to provide an easier read with graphical data and supporting analysis for each of the primary indicators. Partners were challenged to demonstrate how

they are fulfilling their safeguarding duties and some assurance was provided by those partners who are heavily regulated. The board requested the sub group seek additional avenues for assurance reports and to give further thought to improving the exception report by displaying trends and numbers alongside the percentage data.



Professional Challenge Procedure and Practice Guidance

Practitioners are reminded of the Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Professional Challenge Procedure and Practice Guidance. When working in the arena of safeguarding it is inevitable that there will be disagreements between practitioners and it is vital that these differences do not affect the outcomes for adults. This procedure provides a process for resolving practitioner disagreements and ensures that there is effective challenge in the system. It also provides practitioners with advice and support to enable them to escalate concerns where disagreements are not resolved at

practitioner level. You can read the guidance here: [DSAPB Professional Challenge Procedure and Practice Guidance](#)



Royal College of Nursing- Adult Safeguarding Guidance

In August 2018 the Royal College of Nursing published new intercollegiate adult safeguarding guidance which aims to improve practitioners' understanding of the knowledge, skills and values required to fulfil safeguarding responsibilities. For further information see [Adult Safeguarding: Roles and Competencies for Health Care Staff](#)



Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government- Rough Sleeping Strategy: Prevention, Intervention and Recovery

In August 2018 the Government published a strategy which sets out its vision for halving the incidence of rough sleeping by 2022 and eradicating it by 2027. The strategy is based around three core pillars: Prevention, Intervention and Recovery. The vision builds on the significant programme of work that is already underway to address homelessness such as the [Homelessness Reduction Act 2017](#) and the launch of the [Rough Sleeping Initiative](#). The government is committed to keeping the strategy under review and developing the approach to respond to the challenges of homelessness working with local authorities and frontline services. For further information on the strategy and the next steps see [The Rough Sleeping Strategy](#).



New Appointment

Amanda Hugill has been appointed to the permanent position of Safeguarding Boards Business Manager and the Independent Chair and Board members welcomed her in her new role.

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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