



# Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

## MESSAGES BULLETIN

### FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the seventeenth 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 **6<sup>th</sup> December 2018** and the headlines from the meeting are:



#### ***Presentation by Director of Children and Adult Services- New Safeguarding Arrangements: Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018***

The Director of Children and Adult Services Suzanne Joyner gave a presentation to Board members on the proposed Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements in accordance with the Working Together to Safeguard Children and Transitional Guidance 2018, providing an update on the progress of the transitional arrangements in Darlington and the work completed to date. Under the new arrangements the three key statutory partners (Darlington Borough Council, Durham Constabulary and NHS Darlington CCG) will have a shared and equal responsibility to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Darlington. In June 2019 the Board will notify the DfE of the new arrangements which will go live in September 2019.



#### ***Presentation by Care Quality Commission (CQC): Local System Review of Services***

Wendy Dixon, Lead Reviewer at the Care Quality Commission (CQC), gave a presentation to Board members on the CQC local system review of services. Following the budget announcement of additional funding for adult social care last year, the Secretaries of State for Health and Communities and Local Government asked CQC to undertake a programme of targeted reviews in local authority areas. The local system reviews focus on older people aged over 65 years and on the interface between social care and general primary care and acute services. Twenty site visits were undertaken, the local system reports for these areas are available at [www.cqc.org.uk/beyondbarriers](http://www.cqc.org.uk/beyondbarriers)



Learning Disabilities Mortality Review  
(LeDeR) Programme

#### ***Learning Disability Mortality Report (LeDeR programme) – local learning for discussion***

Dawn Cook, Lead Nurse Learning Disabilities (CDDFT) provided an update on the LeDeR programme on behalf of CDDFT. All learning disability deaths are reviewed at mortality review meetings which are held weekly. Members were advised that there have been nine deaths in the community. One case has been reviewed by LeDeR which did not identify any

significant learning. A further eight cases will be reviewed. For further information see [The Learning Disabilities Mortality Review \(LeDeR programme\) Annual Report 2017](#)



***Medication management and Safeguarding Adults- STOMP: Stopping Over Medication of People with a Learning Disability and/or Autism***

Andrew Kay, Advanced Practitioner Specialist Health Team gave a presentation on Stopping Over-Medication of People with a Learning Disability, Autism or Both (STOMP) within Durham & Darlington Adult Learning Disability Services.

A National Campaign STOMP was established in 2016 led by NHS England which included professional groups in health and social care, third sector, charity and advocacy organisations. The campaign was a result of the Winterbourne View Care Home scandal which highlighted serious concerns about the reliance on psychotropic medication to control challenging behaviour.

Public Health England highlighted high national levels of prescribing of psychotropic medication in people with learning disabilities compared to the rest of the population. In April 2018 Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust signed up to the STOMP healthcare pledge. Members were advised of the STOMP pledge, practice within TEWV and the multi-disciplinary approach to support the STOMP campaign.



***Modern Slavery***

***UK Annual Report on Modern Slavery 2018***

The [UK Annual Report on Modern Slavery 2018](#) provides an overview of Modern Slavery and explains how the UK has responded to the threat of modern slavery and human trafficking over the past twelve months. The most robust estimate to date of the scale of modern slavery in the UK was produced by the Home Office in 2014 which estimated that there were between 10,000 and 13,000 potential victims of modern slavery in the UK in 2013. The National Crime Agency (NCA) assesses that the actual scale of modern slavery in the UK is gradually increasing and will continue to do so over the next three years.

***Modern Slavery-National Referral Mechanism Reform (NRM)***

In October 2018 the Home Office published a document outlining reforms to the National Referral Mechanism which is the framework by which potential victims of human trafficking and modern slavery are identified and supported. The reforms are focussed around four key objectives which include the improvement of decision making timescales, improving identification of and support for victims and improving support for child victims. For further information see [GOV.UK Guidance- National Referral Mechanism Reform](#).

***Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adults***

The Home Office has published [County Lines guidance](#) aimed primarily at frontline staff who work with children, young people and potentially vulnerable adults. The guidance has been produced in co-operation with other key agencies. Criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults is a widespread harm that is a typical feature of county lines activity. The guidance is intended to explain the nature of this harm to enable practitioners to recognise the signs and to enable them to respond appropriately that potential victims get the support and help they need.



### ***Forced Marriage Mandatory Reporting-Consultation***

The Home Office has called for responses to a proposed mandatory reporting duty requiring professionals to report cases of forced marriage. Questions for consideration include: the introduction of a mandatory reporting duty on forced marriage; what types of cases should be reported under a new duty; which age groups should be subject to a mandatory reporting duty; which professionals should the duty apply to and to whom reports should be made. The consultation closes on 23rd January 2019. For further information see: [Forced marriage consultation document \(PDF\)](#)



### ***Newcastle National Conference-Tackling Sexual Exploitation***

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board and Newcastle Safeguarding Adult Board hosted a national conference entitled Tackling Sexual Exploitation-Learning from the Newcastle Experience. The conference explored themes from the Joint Serious Case Review (Operation Sanctuary and Operation Shelter) and explored the unrecognised abuse of vulnerable adults throughout the UK as well as child sexual exploitation. The conference included presentations from keynote speakers Dame Louise Casey and barrister David Spicer, the author of the [Newcastle Joint Serious Case Review](#) as well as an overview of models of support for victims of sexual exploitation and a video presentation by Zoe Loderick, a sexual trauma specialist. The conference was attended by representatives from Darlington across the partnership.



### ***Retirements, resignations, appointments and changes to membership***

Hannah Fay, Safeguarding Boards Business Support Officer has successfully obtained a new position within the Local Authority. Members wished Hannah well 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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