



Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the eighteenth 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 15th February 2019 and the headlines from the meeting are:



New Safeguarding Partnership arrangements

Board members held a discussion around the proposed new Safeguarding Partnership arrangements which must be implemented no later than September 2019. The partners are working together to develop the draft arrangements for publication. Updates will be provided at future Board meetings.



Presentation by DC Tony Murray - City of London Police National Fraud Protect/Prevent Officer and Financial Investigator

DC Tony Murray who is seconded to the City of London Police delivered a presentation to Board members on the financial abuse of vulnerable adults and why working in partnership is important to protect and empower communities to reduce the harm from scams, fraud and cybercrime. DC Murray told the story of a vulnerable man from Darlington who was repeatedly targeted by fraudsters, describing the tactics which were used and he gave a live demonstration to Board members of how it is possible for fraudsters to access a legitimate text message thread if in possession of a victim's mobile telephone number to give the fraudsters the appearance of legitimacy. DC Murray outlined and the technology which is available to support victims in protecting themselves from scams and frauds and the messages which should be shared with vulnerable adults and their families to help protect them from increasingly sophisticated and evolving scams.

County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Service



Presentation by Group Manager Rob Cherrie Co Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS)

Rob Cherrie of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) delivered a presentation to Board members outlining Safe and Wellbeing visits which are routinely conducted by the service and cover such issues as fuel poverty, dementia awareness, alcohol harm and reduction, loneliness and isolation as well as fire safety. Where appropriate consent is sought from the individual to make a referral to the

appropriate partner agency for assistance and support. Rob also outlined the work of Community Risk Officers who are all trained to Level 2 in Safeguarding and visit the highest risk individuals and properties following referrals from partner agencies. There are in excess of 18,000 visits annually (Co Durham and Darlington) which have resulted in improved community safety and wellbeing and improved safeguarding of the most vulnerable and represent a holistic and more collaborative approach to prevention.



Safeguarding Adult Review (SARS) Protocol – Review of Multi Agency Practice Guidance

Following the completion of SAR Gladys and the LLR Adult 2 (2016-17) the DSAPB has revised the existing Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Protocol to incorporate best practice and to provide greater clarity in respect of the SAR referral process for practitioners and the SAR decision

making pathway. The revised practice guidance also includes a paragraph on the relationship between S42 enquiries and SARs and provides greater clarity in respect of the purpose and principles of a SAR linked to the six safeguarding principles and there is a hyperlink to SCIE to access review methodologies and SAR quality markers for completion of the report. To access the updated document visit [www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk/adults-safeguarding-board/professionals/Safeguarding Adult Reviews](http://www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk/adults-safeguarding-board/professionals/Safeguarding%20Adult%20Reviews)



Healthwatch Darlington survey: Hospital Discharge and NHS Continuing Health Care Survey Live

Throughout February and March 2019 Healthwatch Darlington will be exploring hospital discharge and NHS Continuing Health Care, gathering real life experiences. This is following on from last years 'What's important to you?' survey for 2018/19. People living in Darlington told Healthwatch that hospital discharge and NHS Continuing Health Care was an area which should be prioritised for further analysis. Healthwatch will encourage patients, service users, carers and their families to share their views. The hospital discharge and NHS Continuing Health Care survey is now LIVE. Healthwatch Darlington will be working hard to gather as many views as possible, to feedback to commissioners and providers. Each survey takes a few minutes to complete and can be accessed online. To take part click on the following links- Hospital Discharge Survey: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HospD19 and NHS Continuing Health Care survey: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CHC19



Retirements, resignations, appointments and changes to membership

None in this period.

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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