



**MESSAGES BULLETIN**

**FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

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Welcome to the nineteenth 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 30<sup>th</sup> April 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 draft plan of the structure of the Safeguarding Partnership, which will be a joint arrangement for safeguarding children and adults in Darlington, was shared with Board members who were invited to submit comments to the Business Unit by the end of the week. Further updates will follow later in the year.



***Examples of good safeguarding practice to carry forward into the new arrangements***

Partner organisations were invited to update the Board on progress made within their respective agencies and give examples of good multi agency practice. Board members highlighted strong partnership working and effective relationships, excellent multi-agency safeguarding training opportunities, continual use of the professional challenge procedure and prevention as positives which we must maintain when we move to the new arrangements. We must also remain flexible in our response to emerging themes with an emphasis on early intervention and open and honest relationships.



***Multi-Agency Safeguarding Reform Event***

In March 2019 the Business Manager attended a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Reform event which was organised through the DfE, Home Office and Department of Health and Social Care. A presentation from National Children’s Bureau included updates on

the early adopter programme and presentations from Northumbria and York outlined the progress to date.

**Deprivation of Liberty**

**Liberty Protection Safeguards**

***Liberty Protection Safeguards: Implementation of the 2018 Mental Capacity (amendment) Bill***

The Mental Capacity (amendment) Bill 2018 was introduced to the House of Lords in July 2018 and seeks to replace the 'Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards' (DoLS). The government has developed a new system, known as 'Liberty Protection Safeguards' which will become law when the legislation is implemented. The reforms seek to introduce a simpler process that involves families and gives swifter access to assessments and considers the restriction of liberty as part of their overall care package. The Bill has its final hearing in April 2019 and it is expected that the legislation will receive Royal Assent in May 2019. For further information see: [researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents.pdf](https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents.pdf)



***Public Health England – Guidance Document on improving access to services for people with learning disabilities***

Public Health England has updated its series of guidance documents on how reasonable adjustments should be made to health services to provide better access to services for people with learning disabilities. These documents share information about making reasonable adjustments for people with learning disabilities in specific health service areas. It is aimed at health and social care professionals and family members who provide support. It is available to download [here](#).



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

- **Appointment** - Ann Baxter has been appointed as the new Independent Scrutineer/Chair for the new joint safeguarding arrangements following a recent selection process. Board members congratulated Ann and welcomed her to her new role.
- **Appointment** - The Business Unit welcomes Joyce Bowler who has been appointed as Business Support Officer following the recent recruitment process.
- **Change to Membership** – Gill Findlay, Director of Nursing is the new Board member representing Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group, replacing Diane Murphy.

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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