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Derbyshire Safeguarding
Adults Board

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Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) Newsletter Quarter 1 2016: Issue 1

Welcome to the first Newsletter from Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB). The newsletters will be issued quarterly to update all professionals and volunteers working with adults with care and support needs about key information from the Board.

DSAB co-ordinates and monitors the effectiveness of safeguarding work of agencies and bodies involved in protecting Adults across Derbyshire.

If your organisation would like its safeguarding work featured in a future newsletter please contact DSAB Project Officer, Natalie Gee natalie.gee@derbyshire.gov.uk or natalie.gee@derbyshire.gcsx.gov.uk.

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Meet our Independent Chair



Hello, my name is Andy Searle and I am the Independent Chair of Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

We are introducing this newsletter to inform the reader a little bit more about the Board and its purpose and hopefully to raise awareness of adult safeguarding to a wider audience.

There are so many questions relating to adult safeguarding that over the weeks and months we will hopefully address and we hope to make this a two way process; the reader needs to engage with us and we will respond accordingly.

Adult abuse and neglect is real; we don't want to shock but we want to be realistic and one of the roles of the Safeguarding Adults Board is to have Policies and Procedures and strategies in place to address those issues when they occur.

My role as Independent Chair is exactly that - I am not a Council or Health employee, I am truly Independent and support and encourage partners around the table to work collaboratively for the benefit of adults with needs for care and support. I hold partners to account, ensuring that they do what they say they are going to do and ensure that ALL play their role in multi-agency approach to addressing the issues surrounding abuse and neglect in the adult world.

Some more personal information about me; I am a retired Police officer who worked in adult safeguarding for the last 7 years of my service, retiring in 2006. I have been involved in Chairing Adult Safeguarding Boards across the North West since 2007 and last year I was appointed to the Derbyshire Adult Safeguarding Board. I have lived in High Peak, Derbyshire all my married life of 37 years so it made sense for me to try and make a difference in the area where I live. I hopefully bring experience and knowledge to Derbyshire, I don't have all the answers and we work as a Board collectively, borrowing good ideas from across the Country sharing our own developed good practice.

I understand that partnership work is the way forward, if every individual and every agency or voluntary group takes responsibility for making adult safeguarding everyone's business we will really make a difference. The Care Act introduced last year has made the Board a Statutory requirement; therefore we now have to ensure that we take that responsibility seriously and work for the benefit of Derbyshire residents. Over forthcoming editions more will be explained about the Care Act and responsibilities of partner agencies.

Please give feedback to us and suggest topics or items to cover and we will do our best to respond. Thank you and please enjoy this edition.

News from the Board

The DSAB meets every 3 months, the last meeting took place on the 7th December 2015. Below is a summary of the items discussed:

- DSCB Annual Report: The Board Manager of Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board attended to present their Annual Report. [Read the full report](http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk) on the DSCB website www.derbyshirescb.org.uk
- Board members each reported and provided an assurance to the Chair on how

their organisation is embedding Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP).

- Two presentations were given by Board members, David Arkle (Environmental Health) and Pete Bainbridge (EMAS) around their organisations' role in safeguarding adults.
- DSAB Sub Group updates were provided by Sub Group Chairs. Two new sub groups are in the early stages of development. One will look specific at considering and reviewing Adult Serious Case Reviews and Serious Incident Learning Reviews. The group will be known as 'Safeguarding Adult Review Sub Group'. The other sub group will focus on customer engagement and communication. The Performance and Quality Sub Group has developed an Information Sharing Card which is in the process of being finalised and then will be disseminated to staff. The joint Derby City and Derbyshire Learning and Development sub group is being reviewed and the Terms of Reference will be updated in early 2016.
- Bill Nicol, Derbyshire CCGs gave an update on Safeguarding Vulnerable People in the NHS and the Accountability and Assurance Framework.
- Sally Goodwin, Community Safety provided Board members with an update around MARAC and PREVENT

PREVENT

The purpose of PREVENT is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk from radicalisation.

See below for useful training and information links. PREVENT training links

- www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/wrap
- http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html

Information Links

- www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest
- www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance
- www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance
- www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-strategy-2011

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DSAB Annual Report

[The DSAB Annual Report 2014/2015](#) is now complete and available on the [Safer Derbyshire Website](#).

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Mandatory Reporting

As you may be aware, the new professional duty to report cases of FGM in girls under the age of 18 to the police commenced on **31 October 2015**.

A package of support has been made available by the Department of Health which may be of interest, including:

- [Quick guidance](#) – a 2-page summary of the duty including a process flowchart
- [Poster](#) – a poster for health organisations to display about the duty
- [Training slides](#) – a training presentation for organisations to use to help them

- deliver 10 – 15 minute updates to staff to explain the duty
- [Video interviews](#) with Vanessa Lodge, NHS England National FGM Prevention lead

An [information leaflet](#) for individuals and their families which professionals can use to help when discussing making a report to the police.

The website for written materials is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fgm-mandatory-reporting-in-healthcare>

NSPCC FGM Helpline: 0800 028 3550 fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk

Local Government Association: Making Safeguarding Personal 2014/15 Evaluation Report

This evaluation was commissioned from Research in Practice for Adults and funded by the Department of Health through the LGA. This evaluation aimed to find out the impact of using a Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) approach on:

- Outcomes for people using safeguarding services
- The impact of the approach on ways of working and professional culture in safeguarding
- Partnership working and culture change.

The evaluation contributes to understanding whether the approach is working, and if so, how. It focuses both on the process and the outcomes that the approach has led to across England. It also looks at what further support would be needed to ensure consistent implementation and makes some recommendations for future work. A summary of this report will be presented at the next DSAB meeting in March.

[Read the full report](#)

VARM (Vulnerable Adult Risk Management)

There has been a recent wave of multi-agency VARM Briefings across the county, 14 briefings have taken place with approximately 300 attendees from a variety of organisations including Housing/Environmental Health, Voluntary Services, Derbyshire County Council Adult Care, Derbyshire CCGs, Derbyshire Police and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue. The Briefings have been organised by Wendy Holehouse (DCC Adult Care) and Mat Lee (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue). Mat can be seen in the above photo facilitating one of the briefings. Facilitation of the briefings has also been undertaken by Derbyshire Adult Care, Derbyshire CCGs, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue and Environmental Health. A suite of documents to assist with the VARM process is available and can be requested by emailing the DSAB email address: DSAB.SafeguardingAdultsBoard@derbyshire.gov.uk.



It is hoped that some further briefings will take place later in 2016, dates to be confirmed.

Good News Story

In each DSAB Newsletter, a good news story will be featured. Please [contact Natalie Gee](#) if you have a Good News Story for a future newsletter.

Mat Lee (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue) provided the following Good News Story regarding an elderly lady who was supported by the VARM process after a visit from adult care found her to be living in a property with hoarding conditions, stagnant water, no source of hot water or toilet facilities, no central heating or working boiler and a kitchen that was not fit for purpose. Following the VARM meeting where Adult Care, Environmental Health, Police and Derbyshire Fire Service met to discuss how to work together to provide support, a prohibition notice was served on the property and the lady went to stay at a respite care home. The property has now been cleared and smoke alarms have been fitted. The next stage of the process is to ensure the property has hot water so that the lady can move back into her home and live in a safe, healthy environment. The story evidences how the VARM process can change the lives of people in Derbyshire.

Domestic Abuse Updates

Derbyshire County Council, in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, has successfully re-tendered for specialist domestic abuse support services across the County.

The range of services available to victims of domestic abuse and their families will continue to include emergency accommodation and community based support for females, males and children who have, or are, experiencing domestic abuse across Derbyshire. These specialist services will be delivered by a consortium of third sector organisations including Trident Reach, Derbyshire Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services, Crossroads Derbyshire and Derbyshire WISH.

In addition to these services there will be a Derbyshire domestic abuse advice line which will become the single point of access to all domestic abuse support services in the County. The advice line, which will be delivered by Action Housing Ltd, will be available 8am to 6pm and will be based alongside the County's Children's Services Starting Point early assessment team. The role of the advice line workers will be to undertake appropriate assessments enabling them to triage the calls based on risk and need and to ensure that victims and their families are referred into the most appropriate support service in a timely way. The workers will also be available to offer support and advice to third parties and professionals who may have queries in relation to domestic abuse.

The new contracts are due to begin on 1 April 2016.

Lisa Morris, Domestic Abuse Manager, Community Safety Unit,
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Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust now has an Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) working at Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust four days a week (Mon & Tues, Wed & Thurs). The IDVA is employed by the Derbyshire Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse Service (DDVSAS). The Trust and DDVSAS have been working together during 2015 to implement this post. The IDVA will provide specialist support, assessment and signposting for individuals experiencing domestic abuse. This is an exciting development for the Trust and both patients and staff are already experiencing the benefits of this partnership working.

Jane Graham, Safeguarding Adults Lead, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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To report a Safeguarding Concern

If you or an adult you know is in immediate danger:

- **Contact 999 or 101** if you think a crime has been committed.
- To make a referral to Derbyshire Adult Care, Please telephone Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 (8am-8pm Monday-Friday and 9.30am-4pm on Saturdays).
- There is an emergency out-of-hours countywide social care support between 5pm and 9am Monday to Friday and 24 hours per day during weekends and bank holidays. Telephone: 01629 532600

Do you have something to say about health and social care services?

We want to hear what you think about health and social care services, whether it be praise, criticism or ideas for improvement.

Why talk to Healthwatch Derbyshire?

- We tell services about your experiences of care, which will work towards changing them for the better.
- Service providers have to listen to us, so they will be listening to you.
- Because if we can't help you, we will know someone who can.
- Because we are powerful, well connected and will make sure your voice is heard.



To have your say...

Email: enquiries@healthwatchderbyshire.co.uk
Web: www.healthwatchderbyshire.co.uk
Telephone: 01773 880786
Text: 07943 505255
www.facebook.com/healthwatchderbyshire
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The next DSAB meeting is 8th March 2016

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