



Welcome to the newsletter of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board Issue 37

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Our newsletters are published quarterly to update professionals and volunteers who work with adults with care and support needs on key information related to the Board.

Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) is a multi-agency strategic partnership, which ensures and oversees the effectiveness of arrangements made by agencies to safeguard adults who have care and support needs and are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, abuse or neglect.

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Message from our new Independent Chair

As of January 2025, Amanda Clarke is the new Independent Chair for Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board

Amanda has had a varied career in safeguarding. She has worked with Nottinghamshire Police, the NSPCC, the Diocese of Derby and, since 2016, as an independent safeguarding advisor completing Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) across the country.



Amanda was previously the Independent Chair of Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board and Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children's Partnership from 2019 until 2024.

Originally from Nottinghamshire, Amanda now lives in Derby and is married to a retired Derbyshire police officer; they have two children.

Amanda said:

" I am so pleased to be working in Derbyshire, which is a place where I have a long connection through work and homelife. It makes sense for me to try and make a difference in the area where I live.

"I hopefully bring experience and knowledge to Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board. I am looking forward to collaborating with all partners who play such an important role within the Board. I am sure we can build on the good foundations which are already in place in the county.

"My role as Independent Chair is exactly that. I am truly independent and I support and encourage partners to work well together for the benefit of adults with care and support needs. It is my job to hold member agencies to account, ensuring that they do what they say they are going to do in responding to issues of abuse and neglect for people who live in Derbyshire.

"Partnership work has been a large part of my career and I still believe it 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 to Derbyshire residents."

Safeguarding Adult Review SAR23B publication



The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) has completed a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) following the death of 'Karolina' (a pseudonym).

A SAR is a statutory duty for Safeguarding Adult Boards under the Care Act 2014. The primary purpose of SARs is for agencies and practitioners to learn and improve the services provided to people.

On 4th February 2025, the [Learning Brief and the Learning On One Page \(LOOP\)](#) for SAR23B were published on the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website. These resources have been produced to inform practitioners and managers about Karolina's circumstances, along with the key findings of the review, including the positive practice and areas of learning for Derbyshire agencies. The DSAB has been assured that work to embed the learning from this SAR is well underway.

Please take some time to read and reflect on the findings from the SAR. We also encourage you to use and share the resources with your colleagues and teams, for example within training, team meetings and supervisions or one-to-one meetings.

Adult safeguarding practice guidance updates

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards' Joint Policy and Procedures Sub-Group is responsible for producing new practice guidance to meet the needs of front line staff and managers and also has a rolling programme of reviewing adult safeguarding practice guidance.

At the group's last meeting in December 2024, the following updates were agreed and have been published in the [Derby and Derbyshire Adult Safeguarding Practice Guidance](#) document.



Reviewed and updated guidance

- Office of the Public Guardian
- Guidelines on notification of deaths to the coroner where there are safeguarding concerns
- Think Family staff guidance
- Missing persons (including the Herbert Protocol)
- Domestic abuse

Guidance removed

- Guidelines for reporting accidents and assaults to adults with care and support needs

New guidance added

- Falls and safeguarding

Additionally, from 1st January 2025 the Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) process in Derbyshire had a name change to the [Multiagency Adult Risk Management \(MARM\) process](#). All references and links in the [Derby and Derbyshire Adult Safeguarding Practice Guidance](#) document about VARM have been updated to MARM.

VARM has changed to MARM



From 1st January 2025, the Vulnerable Adult Risk Management process (VARM) changed name to the Multiagency Adult Risk Management (MARM) process

- **Why?** The name change was agreed by the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board to reflect the language within the Care Act.
- **What has changed?** The process itself remains the same but all associated documentation, website content, training information and Mosaic documentation has been updated by the DSAB office with the minor name change from VARM to MARM.
- **When did the change happen?** From 1st January 2025. After this date it is expected that all staff refer to the process using new name of Multiagency Adult Risk Management (MARM).
- **What do I need to do?** Please ensure your staff are briefed and are aware that this is purely a name change. Your internal agency documentation and intranets should be updated to reflect this name change.

If you have any questions about this change, please get in touch via email
DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk

Clinical Support Team (CST) meetings update from Derby and Derbyshire ICB

Following a Derbyshire Safeguarding Adult Review where a recommendation had been set by the independent author, the Safeguarding Adults Team from Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), in collaboration with the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board, completed several pieces of work including surveys, guidance and follow-up feedback in relation to Clinical Support Team meetings held by GP Practices.



Subsequently, the ICB developed a 'Guiding Principles' document based on the SAR's findings, in conjunction with the feedback from the surveys and attendees.

In summary, feedback to the 'Guiding Principles' document has been largely positive and it is now included in the ICB's Resource Pack for GP Practices, setting minimum core expectations for Clinical Support Team meetings.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - rough sleeping and social care



In November 2024, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) invited people working across rough sleeping, social care and safeguarding to share their insights at two webinars.

Topics included executive function and brain injury, homelessness fatality reviews, multi-agency risk panels, self-neglect, etc.

MHCLG have managed to get the [recordings and slides hosted online](#) and have broken them up by speaker, creating a really nice resource.

February is Dignity Action Month



Dignity Action Month is an annual event that takes place in February

[Dignity Action Month](#) aims to ensure people who use care services or who receive support are treated as individuals and are given choice, control and a sense of purpose in their daily lives.

It's about showcasing what organisations do and providing a truly memorable day, event or activities for people receiving care and support.

Supporting Dignity Action Month will:

- Raise awareness of the importance of dignity in care
- Demonstrate that everybody in the community has a role to play in upholding dignity in care
- Remind the public that staff have a right to be treated with dignity and respect too
- Provide a great community networking opportunity

If you do nothing else just think of **three little deeds** that would change the lives of those with whom you come into contact. It could be as simple as a smile or stopping to pass the time of day, or as complex as making someone's lifelong wish come true.

Spread kindness, respect and compassion - promote dignity

Greet everyone with a smile. We all know how important a smile can be in making us feel valued and acknowledged. It's a little deed, but can have an enormous impact.

Say thank you. Saying thank you to someone is a little deed that can make such a difference to their feelings of value.

Stop and listen. Take time out to really listen to someone. You may be busy but your little deed is to make them feel valued and special.

To find out more, visit [Derby Safeguarding Adults Board's website](#) and search Dignity in Care.

A graphic for Dignity Action Month. It features a red horizontal bar at the top. Below it is a row of ten hearts: five dark red hearts with small red arrows pointing right, and five light pink hearts with small pink arrows pointing right. Below the hearts is the text "What does dignity mean to you?" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Underneath this is the text "Little things make a big difference when someone's looking after you." in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below that is "Celebrate Dignity Action Month throughout February with our colleagues in care." in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic is the text "Find out more at derbysab.org.uk" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the very bottom are three logos: the Derby Safeguarding Adults Board logo, the Derby Safeguarding Adults Board logo, and the Dignity Action Month logo.

Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline

The Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline, facilitated by The Elm Foundation, is a safe, welcoming, supportive place for any man, woman or child affected by domestic abuse



A friendly, informal, peaceful haven in which you can talk freely and make sense of your thoughts. A hub that can provide the advice, support and tools you may need to change your situation, where you will feel empowered to take back control of your life.

- Tel: 08000 198 668
 - Hard of hearing/deaf text: 07534 617252
 - Email : derbyshiredahelpline@theelmfoundation.org.uk
 - [Online](#)
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Reporting a safeguarding concern

There is no excuse for abuse



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If you or someone you know in Derbyshire is being abused or neglected please tell someone

In an emergency, contact the police, tel: **999** or if you are deaf/hard of hearing use emergency SMS by texting **999** from your phone, or use the NGT Relay Assistant by dialling **18000** from the app or textphone

If the person is not in any danger now but there has been a crime, contact the police, tel: **101**

If you're worried about yourself or someone else being abused or neglected, please contact Call Derbyshire, tel: **01629 533190**

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There are eight 'There is NO Excuse for Abuse' posters. They are available to download from the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website, www.derbyshiresab.org.uk



The next DSAB meeting is on 10th April 2025

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