



# **Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB)**

## **Three Year Strategy 2016 - 2019**

## Foreword

Safeguarding adults across Derbyshire needs to be an important priority for everyone and this strategy, our first since becoming a statutory Board under the Care Act sets out how we, the Safeguarding Adults Board working together in partnership hope to achieve good outcomes for those individuals requiring additional help and support.

We will work together to agreed policies and procedures; we will use the same language and definitions and have a common understanding of the issues surrounding adult abuse and neglect thereby providing a consistent approach. We use the principles of good adult safeguarding as outlined in the guidance of the Care Act and the terminology of Making Safeguarding Personal, which quite simply means putting the individual at the centre of everything we do.

We wish to improve the way we work and are more than happy to receive comment regarding this strategy and although it covers 3 years, a 1 year action / business plan is included and should be read as a whole, these are living documents and can be added to and amended at Board meetings throughout the years to enhance the provision of adult safeguarding.

My pledge is that we will listen, it is important that we do, the voice of individuals involved in the safeguarding process along with their families, advocates friends and professionals is very important.

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## Background

This document outlines the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 year Strategic Plan of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board DSAB since becoming a statutory Board as a result of the Care Act 2014. It contains the over- arching strategy and the yearly approach represented by the Business plans which outlines a 12 month approach and will hold ourselves to account and ensure continuous development and improvement.

The Care Act sets out the way social care will be delivered over the forthcoming years and an integral part of that is ensuring we adopt a person centred approach, the individual adult with care and support needs must be the focus of all we all do as individuals as organisations and as partners. We do this through embracing the process known as Making Safeguarding Personal and ensuring the following 6 key principles of good adult safeguarding are embedded in all we do:

**1) Empowerment** – People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent.

*“I am asked what I want as the outcomes from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens.”*

**2) Prevention** – It is better to take action before harm occurs.

*“I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help.”*

**3) Proportionality** – The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

*“I am sure that the professionals will work in my interest, as I see them and they will only get involved as much as is needed.”*

**4) Protection** – Support and representation for those in greatest need.

*“I get help and support to report abuse and neglect. I get help so that I am able to take part in the safeguarding process to the extent to which I want.”*

**5) Partnership** – Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

*“I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary. I am confident that professionals will work together and with me to get the best result for me.”*

**6) Accountability** – Accountability and transparency in safeguarding practice.

*“I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they.”*

The Care Act outlines further duties and responsibilities and it is important to understand these and see how in Derbyshire we interpret these and ensure we are compliant to these requirements.

- A requirement for all areas to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) to bring together **Local Authority, NHS and the police** (these agencies are now statutory partners) to coordinate activity to protect adults from abuse and neglect.

*Derbyshire has had a SAB in place for several years and has a much wider partnership base than the three statutory partners*

- A new duty for a local authority to carry out enquiries (or cause others to) where it suspects an adult is at risk of abuse or neglect

*These enquiries are known as Section 42 Enquiries it is hoped that the person carrying out these enquiries will be the 'best most appropriate person' having full recognition of Making safeguarding Personal MSP.*

- SAB's are required to develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how the Board meet it objectives and how member and partner agencies will contribute to this. Healthwatch must be consulted.

*This is that plan and the Business Plan explains how we will deliver the strategic plan. Healthwatch is a DSAB partner.*

- SABs must publish an annual report detailing how effective we have been in achieving our main objectives and implementing our strategy and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as publishing any Safeguarding Adult Review

*DSAB has been producing an annual report along these lines and will continue to do so (Previous years can be located on the Safer Derbyshire website*

*<https://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/our-priorities/adults/default.asp>*

- SABs are required to conduct Safeguarding Adult Reviews in accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act.

*DSAB has carried out similar reviews in the past however, this is now a statutory requirement. Reviews will be undertaken and the object is to understand if there are lessons to be learned not to apportion blame. It is about changing practises or policies to prevent any reoccurrence.*

## **DSAB Vision**

**“We will all work together to enable people in Derbyshire to live a life free from fear, harm and abuse”**

A simple understandable statement but in order for it to become reality we need to make safeguarding everybody's responsibility and introduce a culture where abuse and neglect is not tolerated.

## **Aims and Objectives of the Board:**

It is important to be clear about the Board's responsibilities. The primary role is to provide strategic leadership for adult safeguarding arrangements across Derbyshire and seek

assurances from partner agencies about the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements in their respective agencies and providing challenge where appropriate.

### **Aims:**

- To work together to oversee, monitor and coordinate systems and services in their duties of prevention of harm and protection of adults with care and support needs
- To develop multi-agency safeguarding adults policies and procedures and monitor their implementation
- To provide multi-agency training in safeguarding adults and be assured that staff in organisations access high quality training relevant to their role
- To oversee the continued development of services empower and support people in Derbyshire to make their own choices and that any interventions are proportionate and the least intrusive response to the risk presented.
- To identify and highlight good practice and learning
- To raise awareness of safeguarding to the general public to create a safer community.
- To be accountable and transparent to professionals and the public by making the function and work of the Board accessible to all.
- To respectfully challenge each other to provide assurance around performance with regards to safeguarding adults with care and support needs.

### **Objectives:**

- To agree, develop and implement a 3 year Strategic Business Plan and evaluate the outcomes of the Plan in relation to the wellbeing and safety of Adults in Derbyshire.
- To ensure there is a simple and effective system in place to report Safeguarding concerns.
- To ensure there is a multi-agency system to respond to Safeguarding concerns and to undertake enquiries into allegations of abuse and neglect.
- Multi Agency policies and procedure should be reviewed and updated yearly as a minimum and whenever relevant to reflect national guidance and policy as well as the views and experiences of adults who have a need for care and support, their families and professionals in Derbyshire.
- To work with other Partnership groups and Boards across Derbyshire collaboratively to improve the Health and Wellbeing of our citizens including but not solely Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's Board, Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board, the Safer Communities Board, East Midlands Safeguarding Adults Board and Derby City Safeguarding Adults Board.
- To support organisations to inform and train staff members to confidently carry out their responsibilities under the policies and procedures and to develop and promote a comprehensive multi-agency training programme to support organisations to inform and train staff members to provide quality services to adults at risk of abuse/neglect.
- To establish ways to analyse safeguarding data to increase the Board's understanding of what is working well and where improvements are needed.
- To publish an Annual Report outlining the activities of the Board over the previous year. The report will be approved by Board members and will be voluntarily presented to the Scrutiny Committee, Chief Executive of the Council, Health and Wellbeing Board and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board.
- Take overarching responsibility for Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) and ensure that any learning is disseminated and implemented by all relevant agencies.
- To share information, balancing the requirements of confidentiality with the safety of the person concerned/wider community.
- To develop preventative strategies that aim to reduce abuse and neglect in Derbyshire.

- To seek assurances from partners fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities.
- To identify mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing the impact of policy and training

### **Governance:**

The DSAB will develop its governance framework in line with Sub Groups and Task and Finish groups, holding them to account for the development of work plans aligned to the Business plans and taking account of the overarching aims and objectives. This will give assurance and take note of any ongoing risk assessment.

The Chair of the DSAB is totally independent of any of the partners

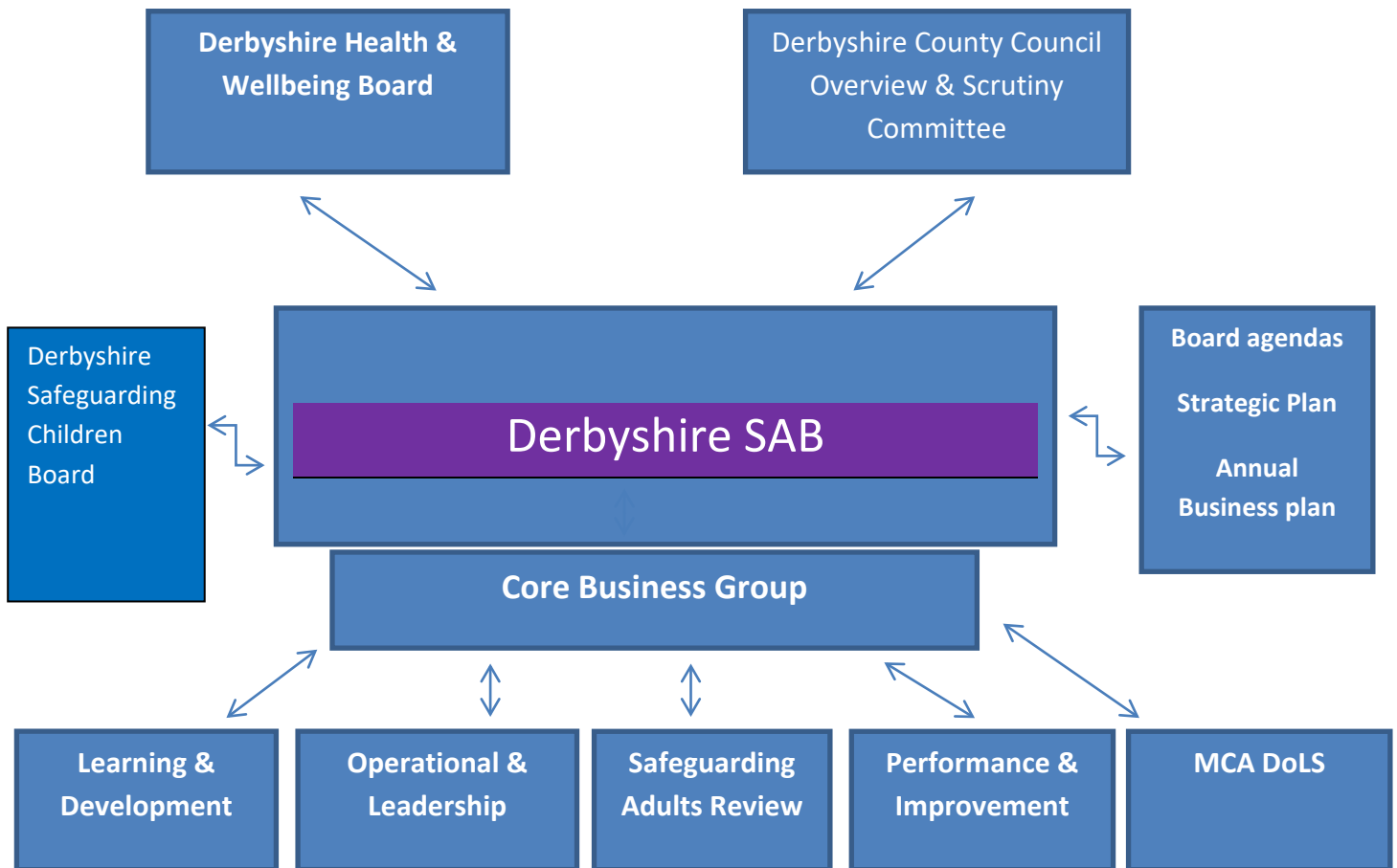
As highlighted previously there is an expectation that Board members and partner organisations are held to account through the Board.

Currently the sub groups that support the work of the Board are:

- Core Business Group (Statutory partners and Independent Chair).
- Learning and Development \*
- Operational and Leadership
- Safeguarding Adults Review
- Performance and Improvement
- Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (MCA DoLS) \* (From March 2017)

\*indicates a joint group with Derby City SAB

This Strategic Plan and Annual Report will be presented on a voluntary basis (but formally) to the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Derbyshire County Council as the local authority that has lead responsibilities for adult safeguarding across the County. This also ensures links with other partnership groups including the Safeguarding Children's Board.



The Board is a formal statutory strategic partnership and resourcing of the Board and its work is a partnership responsibility. The Care Act states that resourcing the work of the Board can be through financial contribution as well as in kind i.e. providing other resources. The Board is still formalising its long term funding and resource arrangements.

### Membership:

There are three statutory partners to the DSAB these being

- Derbyshire County Council
- Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups Hardwick, Erewash, Southern Derbyshire, North Derbyshire., Tameside and Glossop.
- Derbyshire Constabulary

It is recognised both nationally and locally that to be effective the Board needs to have wider membership and currently DSAB has the following representation;

- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Healthwatch
- Derbyshire Carers
- Derbyshire Community Health Services
- Derbyshire County Council - Community Safety
- Age UK Derby and Derbyshire

- Counselling and Advocacy - Disability Derbyshire  
HMP Foston Hall & HMP Sudbury
- Derbyshire Mind
- Derbyshire Health United
- Housing/Environmental Health, (represented by Bolsover District Council)
- Stockport NHS Foundation Trust
- Hardwick CCG
- Erewash CCG
- Southern Derbyshire CCG
- North Derbyshire CCGs
- Tameside, Glossop CCG
- Derbyshire Fire Service
- East Midlands Ambulance Service
- Derbyshire Voluntary Action
- Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Royal Derby Teaching Hospitals
- Amber Valley Borough Council Housing (representing Housing/Environmental Health)
- Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
- National Probation Service, Derbyshire.

**Advisors to the Board**

- Care Quality Commission - Central
- Derbyshire County Council Legal Department

This Strategy has been agreed and ratified by the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adult Board in June 2016.