



Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

MESSAGES BULLETIN

FROM THE DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Welcome to the first bulletin from the Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board. The Board is made up of leaders from a range of organisations such as police, public health, CQC, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), providers of health care, social care, housing, voluntary services and the Probation Service all of whom have an interest in safeguarding adults at risk of abuse or neglect. On a bi-monthly basis the board meet to ensure safeguarding practice is well coordinated and meeting the needs of individuals being safeguarded.

The Board met on 29 April 2016 and the headlines from the meeting are:



Multi-agency training

The Board offers a range of safeguarding training to volunteers and employed staff in Darlington working with adults at risk. The training directory is currently being refreshed, this is being informed by the training needs expressed by the agencies working with adults. You can view the available training today via the website: http://www.darlington.gov.uk/media/1056565/Safeguarding_Training_Programme.pdf and you can contact the safeguarding boards' business unit on 01325 406452 to book a place or email LSCB.Training@darlington.gov.uk.



Healthwatch

Healthwatch provided an insightful and interesting presentation on the breadth of their work including the positive impact and outcomes from their work. Healthwatch also posed good questions to the Board members about their role in relation to the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board and how the Board and Healthwatch can support each other's agendas by working in a more coordinated way such as understanding the individual's experience of safeguarding through health and social care services. The board unanimously agreed that Healthwatch should be invited to be a Board member and the Independent Chair will personally be writing to them and welcome them as a Board member going forward.

Healthwatch Darlington's website for further information: <http://www.healthwatchdarlington.co.uk/>



Board Members Development Day

It is required that Board members commit time to contribute to the development of the Board but also to develop themselves. The Board will be hosting a half day development day on *Wednesday 13 July, 8.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. at Morton Park, Darlington* with a focus on:

- Reviewing the terms of reference and membership,
- Reviewing the boards strategic priorities
- Develop the multi-agency data set further based on the findings from the Making Safeguarding Personal audit and feedback from the task and finish group
- Forward plan communication of the boards business and progress

Please note that this meeting is not open to the public.



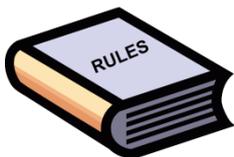
Intelligence of practice

The Board has been commended by the Independent Chair and Director of Children’s and Adults Services on the comprehensive and detailed understanding of safeguarding in practice from the data set which has been on a challenging journey of improvement. The Board are keen to further develop the data set by including more data from other agencies which will help to give a better understanding of how all agencies are working together to safeguard individuals.



Sexual Exploitation between children and adults services

It has been identified that more work needs to be undertaken between children and adults safeguarding to ensure when a child becomes an adult they have relevant and appropriate support to help them to maintain their safety and to reduce the risks to themselves. There is a joint working group between Durham Safeguarding Adults Board and Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board to understand the gaps and barriers to enable young adults who are at risk of sexual exploitation to access appropriate support. The Board will be receiving regular updates on the progress of this work.



Policies and Procedures

The Board is responsible for developing and approving multi-agency policy and procedures. The Care Act guidance was updated in March 2016 and the Board is currently updating and refreshing these policies and procedures to ensure they reflect the care act changes. Agencies are to work with the current procedures until these have been updated.

If you have any questions or any matters which you would like to discuss please contact the Safeguarding Boards Business Unit Development Officer, Marian Garland on 01325 406451.

Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is:

Mr Mike Vening

The Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is supported by a joint business unit which also supports the Darlington Safeguarding Children’s Board.

For further information you can contact a member of the team on: 01325 406452.