



Welcome to the newsletter of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board

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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.

The DSAB works with organisations across Derbyshire to ensure they have safeguarding policies and procedures in place and work together in the best way possible to protect adults with care and support needs.

**If your organisation would like its safeguarding work featured in a future newsletter,
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Message from our Independent Chair

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

Welcome to issue 23 of our newsletter.

Some of you will have attended our, 'Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Multi-Agency Learning Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews' conference on 29th April 2021. I was pleased to see representatives from a wide range of agencies in attendance and there was excellent engagement throughout the day, which helped to make the conference a huge success. I am grateful to the guest speakers for their time and insightful presentations and would also like to thank our DSAB Project Manager and Business Services Assistant for organising and hosting the event. We have received excellent feedback from attendees, which shows that these types of events are extremely beneficial to front-line practitioners and Managers, and they can work very well on a virtual platform.



If anyone was not able to attend the conference but would like to access the resources provided to attendees, please contact Natalie Gee via email DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk and the information will be forwarded on to you.

It is important that we all continue to learn and reflect upon how we can improve the ways we work together to protect adults in Derbyshire from abuse and neglect, but also take the time to celebrate what we do well so that this, 'positive practice' forms part of our learning too.

As always, I ask you to remember our DSAB Vision, and please check our [website](#) and our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) profiles to keep informed of the work of the DSAB.

'We will all work together to enable people in Derbyshire to live a life free from fear, harm and abuse.'
Thank you, and please enjoy this edition.

News from the Board



The DSAB meets every three months and the last meeting took place on 1st June 2021.

Below is a summary of the items discussed at the meeting:

- A short film from Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board called 'Talk to me, hear my voice' was shown to Board members.
- Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service's ['Safe and Well' video](#) was shown to Board members, as well as having already been shared via the DSAB's social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook.
- The allegations against persons in a position of trust (PIPOT) process was discussed with data shared regarding the number of referrals received over the last twelve months. There has been a significant increase in referrals which is being monitored by the Board office.
- The report for Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR20A) was presented by the reviewer, Sylvia Manson and Board members agreed to sign off the report and recommendations.
- Reports were shared and discussed in relation to Covid-19 and assurances given about the ability of services to continue to respond to safeguarding concerns.

Updates for the Board provided by Sub-Groups Chairs:

Learning and Development (joint sub-group with Derby)

- The two joint training sessions – ‘Chairing Multi-Agency Meetings’ and ‘Making Enquiries Under Section 42 of the Care Act 2014’ – resumed as webinars from May 2021 with dates advertised throughout 2021.
- The group’s Equality, Diversity and Bias Task and Finish Group continues to work to produce information for partner agencies to use in their own training. On 16th April 2021 there was a separate Equality, Diversity and Bias Briefing for the Board members of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards.

Mental Capacity Act (joint sub-group with Derby)

- A Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) group has been formed out the joint MCA Sub-Group of the Derby and Derbyshire SABs. Emily Freeman from Derby City Council is the Chair of this new LPS group and Carl O-Riordan from Derbyshire County Council is the Deputy Chair. There are representatives from the Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group and acute hospitals (all ‘Responsible Bodies’ under LPS). This partnership will help develop Derbyshire-wide systems that are efficient, effective and robust.
- The Task and Finish Group regarding MCA in Transitions continues to meet and agree actions for awareness-raising and information leaflets. Mencap has agreed to adjust their literature for DSAB usage, so further work is being undertaken to transfer the relevant information into a leaflet.

Operational and Leadership

Presentations were given from the following :

- Safe Spaces (Donna Craine, Project Manager), which is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales.
- Trauma and psychological support (Anji Turner from Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust).
- Advocacy and safeguarding adults (Anna Woolley, Derbyshire Mind).
- An update about Fatal Fire Reviews taking place in Derbyshire was given by Julie Crooks from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Performance and Improvement

- The group continues to scrutinise the Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) operational activity, policy and supporting documentation.
- There is on-going consideration of safeguarding adult operational data and trends with the Derbyshire. The Safeguarding Adults Board Project Manager is in the process of finalising new data dashboards, which will be presented at quarterly meetings.
- The most recent multi-agency audit looked at safeguarding cases where the main category of abuse was neglect. The next audit will look at domestic abuse referrals. Findings will be shared with the Board by Bill Nicol, as relevant.

Policy and Procedures (joint sub-group with Derby)

- A number of pieces of new practice guidance have been signed-off by the group and will be published on the DSAB website. At the group's next meeting in July, several new pieces of practice guidance will be presented for sign-off.
- Authors of the current joint Derby and Derbyshire Practice Guidance document have been asked to review it to ensure that equality and diversity has been considered and runs as a golden thread throughout.

Safeguarding Adults Reviews

- The group has been continuing to take part in the SAR20A review. A virtual practitioner learning event was held on 4th March 2021.
- The group continues to receive and consider new Safeguarding Adult Review referrals.
- Extraordinary meetings are taking place regularly to review the recommendations from all Derbyshire reviews to ensure the learning is fully embedded.

Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures update



Minor amendments have been made to the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures document

The latest version of the [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures](#) document has been published on the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website.

If you have any comments or feedback about the content, please contact the DSAB Board office at derbyshiresab@derbyshire.gov.uk who will ensure the joint Policy and Procedures Sub-Group is informed.

Meet our Board Members: Hannah Hogg, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Diocese of Derby



I joined the Diocese of Derby as Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser in October 2020

Starting a post in lockdown has been a very different challenge, but I have felt warmly welcomed by the Diocese and our multi-agency partners, so thank you very much.

I have spent my career as a qualified solicitor, starting in private practice and then moving into the public sector some years ago. I worked at a local authority for 15 years where I was the lead for the legal team dealing with child protection and adults at risk. I joined the Diocese from an NHS trust where I was the Corporate Safeguarding Lead with a focus on multi-agency reviews and strategic leadership in safeguarding. I live in South Derbyshire and enjoy reading, holidaying in Scotland and am a school governor at our local primary school. I have also been trying to learn to enjoy exercise during lockdown!

I lead a small team at the Diocese, and we deal with safeguarding issues from across Derbyshire, referred into us by our churches or multi-agency partners. The Church of England is undergoing many changes following the publication of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). These changes cover both national and local safeguarding policies and procedures and aim to embed good quality safeguarding practice across the church.

Additionally, we have just commenced our Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2) with two independent reviewers spending some months with us to review our files. We see this as a great opportunity for learning to improve our practice and I will be reporting our progress and the outcomes to the safeguarding board in due course.

The [Diocese of Derby safeguarding webpage](#) has more information.

Safe Spaces - supporting survivors of church-related abuse



Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales

The concept for the service came from survivors of church-related abuse. Survivors have been involved in designing the service, and in selecting which organisation should run it. This was decided in early 2020 and Victim Support was selected because of their experience in supporting survivors of abuse.

About Victim Support

Safe Spaces is run independently by the charity [Victim Support](#), which is one of the leading charities providing specialist support to survivors of abuse in England and Wales. Victim Support is an independent charity that's dedicated to supporting people affected by crime and traumatic incidents in England and Wales, and puts them at the heart of their organisation. Their support and campaigns are informed and shaped by them and their experiences.

Victim Support provides dedicated services to help people cope and recover and to empower them to ensure their voices are heard, individually and collectively, at a local and national level. Their national overview gives them the ability to share best practice and innovate in their services as well as champion victims' rights from a strong evidence base.

Follow Victim Support on:

- [Twitter \(@Victim Support\)](#)
- [Facebook \(@victimsupport\)](#)
- [Instagram \(victimsupport_uk\)](#)
- [YouTube](#)

Visit the [Victim Support](#) website for more information or access to additional resources.

Who can Safe Spaces help?

Safe Spaces is for anyone who feels they have experienced church related abuse of any form in England or Wales. This may have been in relation to the Church of England, Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales. By 'church related', this may include:

- Abuse by a church officer. A church officer is any person, ordained or lay, paid or voluntary, who holds a role in the church
- Abuse that is linked to participating in a church-led activity or group

The service is open to anyone who lives in England and Wales. If you live outside of England and Wales, but suffered abuse by a Church Officer from the Church of England, Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales, we will always endeavour to provide support, but this may be limited due to the services that are available outside of England and Wales.

The services are for people aged 18 or over, but the abuse can have happened at any time, now or in the past. If support is required for someone under the age of 18, appropriate local support will always be sought.

The incident does not have to have been reported to the Church authorities or the Police in order to access support.

A person does not need to be a current active member of the Church in order to access support. The service is for people who have experienced any kind of abuse – this includes (but is not limited to) sexual violence, inappropriate sexual behaviour, physical abuse, financial abuse or exploitation, psychological abuse (including spiritual abuse), domestic abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour.

How can Safe Spaces help?

Remote support is provided nationally through the helpline and Live Chat for as long as clients feel they need it and it is deemed to be helpful. They can help with advocating with authorities and other agencies, giving emotional support, providing information (including information on church and police procedures), understanding your needs and working together on individual support plans. Support can be given for people to report to the police if they wish to do so, and can give information relating to the criminal justice system.

If face-to-face support is wanted local to where someone lives, the service will try to make contact with appropriate agencies depending on need.

Safe Spaces comprises a team of trained support advocates who have also undergone specialist training in supporting survivors of sexual violence. The team have received additional specific training in how the churches respond to abuse cases, the way in which faith and church-related settings have been used to carry out abuse, and the particular issues affecting people who have had or still have, a relationship with the church.

You can contact the Safe Spaces team by:

- Tel: [0300 303 1056](tel:03003031056) (answerphone available outside of opening times)
- Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk
- LiveChat: www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk
- Website: www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk

Connect to Protect Derbyshire campaign

As part of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15th June 2021 we launched our 'Connect to Protect Derbyshire' campaign.

The focus of the campaign is about keeping in touch with people who could be vulnerable in our community and checking in with each other, asking the simple question, "Are you ok?" Please support this campaign via social media and encourage staff, teams and community groups to spread the word.

Safeguarding is everyone's business and more than ever we need to be vigilant.

#ConnecttoProtectDerbyshire



Social Connector Befriending Volunteers



This is an exciting opportunity to give where you live!

Are you eager to find face-to-face volunteering opportunities that help to reduce isolation in your local area?

Derbyshire Carers Association's [Social Connectedness Service](#) is the provision of social prescribing and face-to-face befriending to support carer's to feel safe and confident to access their community again and increase opportunities for

social engagement.

The role will involve meeting with carer's in the community to provide befriending, encouragement and company while they take their first steps back into the community. This may be meeting for a coffee to increase confidence leaving the house or attending a new group or activity together. Full Derbyshire Carers Association induction and role specific training is provided.

If you are passionate about reducing isolation and are a friendly motivational person, then please get in touch to find out more.

For more information, please email: georgina.rolfe@derbyshirecarers.co.uk

Derbyshire Community Trigger



The Community Trigger (sometimes referred to as an Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review) was introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act in 2014

The Community Trigger gives victims of anti-social behaviour (ASB) the right to request a review of their case, where there is serious persistent, or targeted, ASB and

- there has been **no** response, or
- there has been an **inadequate** response, from agencies responsible for dealing with the ASB

A national review found that the Community Trigger was underused and made recommendations to improve access and encourage victims to use it. We have, therefore, revised our local procedures to make them even more victim focussed and an ASB awareness campaign is planned in the summer.

Some of our staff are likely to encounter victims of ASB, so need to be able to talk confidently to them about the Community Trigger. Also, if staff work with victims or perpetrators of ASB, they may need to attend an ASB Case Review Meeting, when the Community Trigger has been activated

A range of training and briefing materials have been produced and are being cascaded through local team meetings. To request a copy of the briefing materials, contact tracy.coates@derbyshire.gov.uk

More information about the Community Trigger can also be found on the [Safer Derbyshire website](#)

National Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week: 19th - 25th July 2021



Partners across Derbyshire are coming together to support National Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week

The aim of the week from 19th to 25th July 2021 is to help make communities safer by raising awareness of the issue and provide help and support to people who are affected by it.

Safer Derbyshire has created the Derbyshire ASB Hub, an online resource, which provides information about what anti-social behaviour is, which agency to report it to, how organisations tackle it and what support is available if you or someone you work with is experiencing it.

A link to the Derbyshire ASB Hub will be available on the [Safer Derbyshire website](#) from 19th July 2021.

For more information, contact tracy.coates@derbyshire.gov.uk

Derbyshire Hate Crime Network



The Derbyshire Hate Crime Network is made up of statutory and third-sector groups

The network aims to raise awareness and tackle the impact of hate crime has on individuals and communities across Derbyshire.

Hate crime is any offence that is motivated, or perceived to be, motivated by hostility to an individual or groups due to disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

Hate crime is under-reported and so can lead to repeat victims and issues increasing in seriousness. People who have been affected by hate crime should be encouraged to report it to the Police. Some people may feel they can't report a hate crime directly to the Police, which is why in Derbyshire we support stophateuk.org to allow third-party reporting, independent support and advice. Stop Hate UK also provides a 24-hour help line: **0800 138 1625**.

If you would like more information about tackling hate crime and how your organisation can become part of Derbyshire Hate Crime Network, please email Jonathan.butt@derbyshire.gov.uk

Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment survey



The Derby and Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment survey is open until 4th August 2021

On 29th April 2021 the Domestic Abuse Bill was signed into law. The Domestic Abuse Act will provide further protections to the millions of people who experience domestic abuse and strengthen measures to tackle perpetrators.

In response to the Act, the City and County Councils are undertaking a survey to determine the level of need for support for those affected by domestic abuse and the responses that need to be put in place.

It is important that the City and County Councils gain the views and experiences of their residents to inform the assessment and development of their strategies. They are keen to hear from people

across the city and county, to enable them to build a better picture of people's understanding of domestic abuse and the support that is needed to protect victims.

The Councils would like people's views about domestic abuse, even if they have not been directly affected.

The survey can be completed either online or paper questionnaires. People who would like to complete a paper version of the questionnaire can request one by emailing yourcityyoursay@derby.gov.uk, tel: 01332 64000 or Minicom 01332 640666.

'One Call Changes Lives' domestic abuse campaign



The Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership has launched the 'One Call Changes Lives' campaign

Domestic abuse can affect anyone and can often start with small things, which can develop into controlling, coercive, isolating, threatening and even violent behaviour.

The campaign aims to promote and raise awareness of the Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline. A range of promotional materials have been produced from social media assets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) to posters and leaflets. They all carry the same message that people don't have to deal with it alone and can contact the Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline in confidence for support.

- Phone: 08000 198 668
- Text: 07534 617 252
- Email: derbyshiredahelpline@theelmfoundation.org.uk
- Live chat anonymously at: www.theelmfoundation.org.uk

Visit the [Safer Derbyshire](#) website for more information about domestic abuse support and information services in Derbyshire.

Domestic abuse perpetrator interventions in Derbyshire



In May 2021 the Drive Programme became operational throughout Derbyshire and Derby.

This programme has been commissioned for three years and is funded jointly by the police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), both councils and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Drive is a domestic abuse perpetrator intervention for perpetrators defined as high risk or high harm. Referrals into the scheme will emerge from MARAC (high risk) and police (high harm, repeat and serial offenders). Individuals referred will first be considered at a monthly, multi-agency Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel (DAPP). If it is decided they are suitable for the programme they will be assigned an individual case manager whose role it is to engage intensively with the client using a three-element approach:

1. Disrupt – use of interventions to prevent further domestic abuse e.g. through civil notices and orders.
2. Challenge – to address abusive behaviour and challenge attitudes and behaviours with respect to domestic abuse, to break the cycle of abuse.
3. Support – to identify needs of the perpetrator where effective support would reduce the risk of domestic abuse; to liaise with agencies delivering this support and ensure engagement with for example, housing agencies, substance misuse services, employment and training.

The intervention can last between three to twelve months. The service commissioned to deliver the case management element of this project is Glow who already deliver the IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor) in both the county and city. Alongside the perpetrator intervention it is important to ensure there is support for those affected by the abuse. We know that risk can fluctuate for victims whilst the behaviour of the abuser is being addressed and so the IDVA service has been given additional capacity to deliver this support as part of the commissioning.

For more information about the domestic abuse perpetrator interventions please contact Alison Boyce alison.boyce@derbyshire.gov.uk

My Marriage, My Choice



A new website about safeguarding vulnerable adults from forced, unlawful or predatory marriage and civil partnership has been launched

People with learning disabilities should be supported to marry if they choose to do so and have capacity to consent to the marriage.

People forced to marry or to enter a civil partnership against their will, including when they don't have capacity to consent, need to be protected from harm and abuse.

The [My Marriage, My Choice website](#) has information and [resources for people who are at risk](#) of, or currently experiencing forced, unlawful or predatory marriage and their families. For professionals who may be able to help, such as health and social care professionals, people working in education and youth services, the police and other criminal justice professionals and marriage registrars, there's information and free training resources.

Derbyshire Mind independent advocacy services



What is independent mental capacity advocacy?

The [Advocacy Code of Practice](#) says:

'Advocacy is taking action to help people say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and obtain services they need. Advocates and advocacy providers work in partnership with the people they support and take their side. Advocacy promotes social inclusion, equality and social justice.'

[Derbyshire Mind](#) was established in 1967 as a local mental health group and is an independent local association affiliated to the national charity, [Mind](#). They are committed to:

- Working for improvements in local mental health services
- Making it possible for people with mental health difficulties to voice their opinions
- Offering quality services
- Challenging the stigma attached to people labelled "mentally ill" and increasing public understanding of mental health issues

There are several types of advocacy offered by Derbyshire Mind:

Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA)

The [IMCA service](#) is provided for any person aged 16-years or older, who has no-one willing and able to support and represent them, and who lacks capacity to make a decision about either a [long-term care move](#), [serious medical treatment](#), [adult safeguarding](#) procedures or a [care review](#).

Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)

An [IMHA is an independent advocate](#) who is specially trained to work within the framework of the [Mental Health Act 1983](#) to support people to understand their rights under the Act and participate in decisions about their care and treatment.

Independent Health Complaints Advocate (IHCA)

A service to support people to make a formal complaint about their NHS care or treatment, including any complaint against an organisation or service funded by the NHS.

If someone is unhappy with the service they or others have received from a hospital doctor, dentist, GP surgery or any other NHS service they can raise the concerns about it.

The service is available for any Derbyshire resident who wishes to make a formal complaint. You can also complain on a friend or relative's behalf if they agree; you should get their permission in writing.

If your friend or relative is very ill, or does not have the capacity to give permission because of an impairment or disability, you may complain on their behalf without their permission, although the health provider will wish to confirm their lack of capacity before accepting the complaint.

You may raise a complaint, or take over a complaint on behalf of a friend or relative who has died even if you do not have their written permission.

Paid Representative

Once a standard Deprivation of Liberty authorisation has been granted, Supervisory Bodies (Local Authority) must appoint the relevant person's representative to support and represent the person who has been deprived of their liberty.

The Best Interests Assessor (BIA) will be able, in most cases, to recommend somebody to be the relevant person's representative (i.e. a family member or friend). If the BIA is unable to recommend anyone, the Supervisory Body must appoint someone to perform this role in a professional capacity – the [Paid Representative](#).

Derbyshire Mind is contracted by Derbyshire County Council to provide this service to individuals for whom they are responsible as the Supervisory Body.

Care Act Advocacy

Local authorities must involve people in decisions about their care and support.

If it appears to the authority that someone would have substantial difficulty in being involved and have no appropriate family member or friend to support them, an advocate must be appointed. This is a legal right under the Care Act 2014. If someone needs an advocate under the Care Act, their Social Worker will refer them.

Community Advocacy Services

Some people may not be eligible for statutory advocacy but still require support to have their voices heard in important decisions being made. [Community Advocacy](#) is available to all Derbyshire residents aged 18-years or older. It is not just for those experiencing mental ill health, it is also for people with a learning disability, physical or sensory disabilities, people with autism and Asperger's and people who are registered as a carer.

Visit the [Derbyshire Mind](#) website for more information about advocacy and other services they offer.

Follow Derbyshire Mind on Twitter ([@DerbyshireMind](#)) or Facebook ([@derbyshiremind](#))

Talking Mental Health Derbyshire IAPT service



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Talking Mental Health Derbyshire is part of the national Improving Access to Psychological Therapy (IAPT) service

The [IAPT programme](#) began in 2008 and has transformed the treatment of adult anxiety disorders and depression in England.

IAPT is widely-recognised as the most ambitious programme of talking therapies in the world and in the past year alone more than one million people accessed IAPT services for help to overcome their depression and anxiety, and better manage their mental health.

The service in Derbyshire offers short-term, NICE-approved therapies at step 2 (guided self-help) and step 3 (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Counselling for Depression, Interpersonal Therapy, Dynamic Interpersonal Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Couples Therapy, Psychosexual Therapy, Mindfulness for Depression).

High-quality, compassionate and confidential care is provided to the broadest possible range of people who are seeking help. In order to do so safely within the limitations of a primary care service, assessments are provided and pre-referral case discussions are offered to identify those people who need a higher level or different type of support than can be offered.

Visit the [Talking Mental Health Derbyshire](#) website for guidelines for referrals to the service.

New Derbyshire mental health animation



The development of the new 24/7 Derbyshire Mental Health Helpline and Support Service, run by a partnership of NHS and third sector organisations, is a positive that has emerged from the pandemic.

We know that people in our communities, many of which will never have sought mental health support before, are struggling to cope with the current challenges presented by the restrictions to our daily lives.

To promote the service and the IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapy) support that continues to be available, [Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#) have developed **a new animation** that aims to support people that may be struggling at this time. This includes some useful advice on how to keep yourself well, but also confirms that people are not alone and that help continues to be available.

[24/7 Derbyshire Mental Health Helpline and Support Service](#) - Freephone 0800 028 0077

You can [watch the animation on YouTube](#).

Mental Health Awareness training



Derbyshire County Council training provider Harmless CIC has released new Mental Health Awareness training dates, on which places are currently still available.

A description of the training is on the DCC [Mental health training webpage](#) and booking is via Eventbrite.

The dates are below including hyperlinks to each course.

[19 July 2021](#)

[23 July 2021](#)

[28 July 2021](#)

Mental Capacity Act Sub-Group newsletter - issue 2



The latest edition of the MCA Sub-Group's newsletter is now out

Themes covered in this issue are:

- Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS)
- When mental capacity assessments must delve beneath what people say to what they do
- Mental Capacity Act Training slides
- Derbyshire Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR18A) learning brief publication

Read the [MCA Sub-Group's newsletter - issue 2](#)

Mental Capacity Act app from DDCCG



The Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group's MCA app is the perfect app for busy general practitioners working in the group's area.

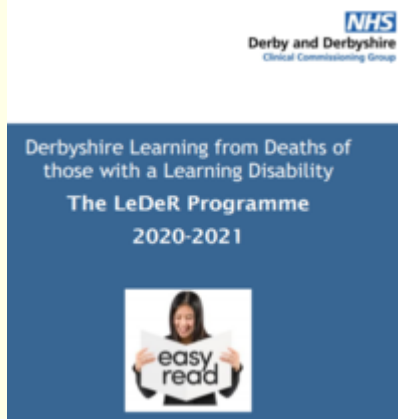
Learn more about the practical implications of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Simply answer each question with a swipe and use key terms to learn more about this visionary piece of legislation. The main features of the app are:

- Learn about the five principles, assessing capacity and making best interests decisions
- Understand the acid test for a deprivation of liberty and the criteria for authorisation
- Includes consideration of residential care, hospital and domestic settings
- Intuitive swipe function lets you navigate questions quickly and easily
- Undo function lets you re-answer questions
- Key terms are defined as you progress

The app is designed for use in England and Wales and is available from the [Google Play Store](#)

Derbyshire Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) annual report 2020/2021



The second Derbyshire Learning Disabilities Mortality Review annual report (2020/2021) has been published.

The report covers the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 with the purpose of sharing the findings and learning with those involved in the LeDeR programme and those working with individuals with learning disabilities, sharing the work that has been done in the previous year to address these findings to work on service improvement.

The [annual report](#) is available to read on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire (JUCD) website, along with an [easy-read version](#).

More information about [learning disabilities and autism](#) is available from [Joined Up Care Derbyshire](#).

Derbyshire Autism Information and Advice



The latest newsletter from Derbyshire Autism Information and Advice is out now

There's information about the Autism Passport consultation that took place in the summer of 2020, top tips for coming out of lockdown, as well as a list of resources and agencies that can provide advice and support. You can read the latest [newsletter](#) and the [back-catalogue](#) on the Autism Information and Advice website.

In addition to their newsletter, they also produce a series of '[Coping With...](#)' information leaflets with specialist advice on specific topics or issues that many adults with autism may find challenging to manage the latest one looks at coping with eating out. As with any social outing, going to a restaurant can be an anxious time for an Autistic person, even more so with the easing of lockdown restrictions and the changing circumstances and complications, such as face masks and social distancing. You can read the series of '[Coping With...](#)' information leaflets on the Autism and Advice website.

More information about [Derbyshire's Autism Information and Advice Service](#)

Alcohol and substance misuse new toolkits

There are two new toolkits for practitioners working with clients and their families around alcohol and substance misuse



[Adfam](#) is a national charity tackling the effects of alcohol, drug use or gambling on family members and friends.

Adfam has produced a new [toolkit for practitioners working with those affected by someone else's co-occurring mental ill-health and substance misuse conditions](#) and was produced by Adfam and family members with lived experience.

It is designed for practitioners who support those caring for a loved one who is having difficulties with their mental health and substance use, including substance use and mental health practitioners, family support workers, housing officers and advocacy practitioners.

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[Humankind](#) creates services and support to meet people's complex health and social needs, helping them to build healthier lives that have meaning and value for themselves and their families. We support local people to create stronger, better-connected communities.

Humankind have produced the [PRIDDY toolkit](#), which aims to prevent people from developing more serious alcohol problems.

Alcohol is not an equal opportunities substance. Two people may score the same on the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) but their journeys with alcohol may follow different paths.

The Predicting Risk in Drinkers: Drinking and You (PRIDDY) toolkit is designed to help workers identify individual risk factors that may suggest a person is more likely to experience harm from alcohol. It brings together the evidence base into one tool and will equip workers to deliver more personalised and meaningful advice.

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Safe and Well Visit referrals to Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service



Derbyshire Fire and Rescue (DFRS) service has launched a video for partner agencies about keep the most vulnerable in our community safe from fire in their homes

The home is generally regarded as the place where we feel safest, but it's also the place where the overwhelming majority of fire deaths and injuries happen

The main aims of the video are:

- To help professionals recognise what makes somebody vulnerable to fire
- To understand what is a Safe and Well visit and what DFRS can do on these visits
- To know what DFRS can offer to people to make the safer, and how to make a Safe and Well referral to the DFRS.

The video covers when, why and how to make safe and well visit referrals to Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, as well as awareness of equipment and a case study about an elderly resident who required additional fire safety support.

Find out more about [Safe and Well visits](#).

'Keep Alert - Be Fraud Aware' leaflet



'Keep Alert - Be Fraud Aware' leaflet available at vaccination sites across Derbyshire

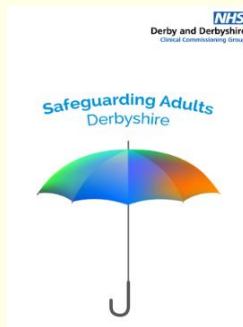
The Derbyshire Police Fraud Team recently put together a leaflet to highlight some of the frauds being encountered in Derbyshire at the moment.

NHS England has agreed to make the leaflet available in vaccination sites across Derbyshire, with the hope of reaching some of the harder-to-reach people in our community. This is a massive step in raising awareness about scams and fraud.

The leaflet also has information about Rural Actions Derbyshire's 'Cyber Buddy' scheme of volunteers providing one-to-one digital support for those who struggle using the internet. In addition, the Derbyshire Digital MOT can help people become more secure online.

Please download and share copies of the ['Keep Alert - Be Fraud Aware' leaflet](#).

Derby & Derbyshire CCG safeguarding app



As we know, safeguarding is everybody's business.

The free safeguarding app is useful for all staff who provide care and support, whatever their role, to any adult in any setting. It uses swipe-screen technology to guide you through a series of decision referral pathways, making it easier to recognise risk and know what to do if you have a concern.

There is a wealth of practical information relating to safeguarding. The app has links to referral processes, operational policies and guidance. As well as practical information relating to safeguarding, the app contains a complete list of essential contact details for Derby City and Derbyshire County staff, and links to local policies and national guidance.

Please note: the app contains information about the DSAB's GCSX email addresses, which is now out of date - professionals should, instead, refer to the safeguarding adult referral section and form on the [DSAB's website](#) for current email contacts for making safeguarding adult referrals.

The app provides professionals with:

- the principles of safeguarding adults
- the categories of abuse
- Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)
- what to do if you have a concern about an adult at risk
- how to share information in the right way
- child sexual exploitation (CSE)
- adult trafficking and modern slavery
- female genital mutilation (FGM)
- the Government's PREVENT strategy and Channel
- hate crime

The referral pathways include:

- safeguarding adults
- female genital mutilation (FGM)
- domestic abuse
- PREVENT
- Mental Capacity Act 2005

Download the app

The app is available for both [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices using these links, although it's best to search the store.

Derby & Derbyshire CCG podcasts

Podcasts are a quick and easy way to listen to topics of interest at a time to suit you.

There are currently seventeen podcasts available. Additional podcasts will continue to be produced on a range of safeguarding subjects. Any ideas for future podcasts are welcomed: please email natalie.hall1@nhs.net.

1. Domestic abuse (part 1)
2. Domestic abuse (part 2)
3. Financial abuse
4. Making Safeguarding Personal (part 1)
5. Making Safeguarding Personal (part 2)
6. Mental Capacity Act introduction
7. Mental Capacity and how to assess it
8. Best interests
9. Protection for healthcare and treatment actions
10. Lasting powers of attorney
11. Deprivation of Liberty
12. Prevent (29th October 2015)
13. Self-neglect (part 1)
14. Self-neglect (part 2)
15. STOMP
16. VARM – What is VARM?
17. VARM – Case study

Download or listen to the podcasts

The podcasts are available from the [NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG](#).

Reporting safeguarding concerns



Derbyshire
Safeguarding Adults
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There is NO Excuse for Abuse

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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www.derbyshiresab.org.uk

The poster above is one of eight in the '[There is NO Excuse for Abuse](#)' set, which are available to download from our website.



The next DSAB meeting is on 14th September 2021

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