



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, please contact the DSAB's Project Manager, Natalie Gee
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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 26 of our newsletter.

Our Board Development session was held on 8th March 2022 and it was an opportunity to reflect on our achievements, challenges and progress, as well as looking forward and planning our objectives for the next twelve months. With this in mind, I'd strongly encourage you all to read our full annual report for 2020-2021, which I believe evidences our commitment to adult safeguarding in Derbyshire. For those of you who would like to share some headlines from the report with your staff and teams, our Board Manager, Natalie Gee, has also produced a two-page summary and a video, which can all be found on our website. Please make use of these tools to share and celebrate all we have achieved under challenging circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have agreed to extend our strategic plan for another twelve months with the three priorities of Making Safeguarding Personal, Quality Assurance and Prevention. Our development session allowed for some excellent multi-agency discussion about how our Board can make progress in all three areas and we are busy updating our sub-groups' business plans to reflect these discussions.

We have had several membership and Board office changes in recent weeks. I would firstly like to thank Gareth Meadows, Derbyshire Police, and Jill Ryalls, Derbyshire County Council Adult Care, for their contributions to the Board and wish them well in their retirements. Our administrator for the Board's VARM process, Gill Windle, has also recently retired and, again, I wish to thank her for her hard work to support the Board and wish her a happy retirement.

We welcome new Board members, including Darren De'Ath, Derbyshire Police, and Tracy Burton, Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, and look forward to working closely with them over the coming months.

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 8th March 2022.

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

- Rachel Davis gave a presentation about the work of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) over the past twelve months.
- Our Board development session took place where we:
 - Reviewed our annual report 2020-2021
 - Reviewed our performance data in relation to safeguarding adults referrals, S42 enquiries and VARM
 - Reviewed the progress of the subgroups over the past 12 months
 - Held breakout sessions in small groups to review and update our risk register
 - Held breakout sessions in small groups to set our priority areas of work for 2022/2023.

Meet our Board Members: Helen Clayton-Hoar



Meet the Governor of Her Majesty's Prison and Young Offenders Institution Foston Hall, Helen Clayton-Hoar

"I have been the Governor of Foston Hall Prison since October 2020. Foston Hall is one of two prisons in Derbyshire, the other being HMP Sudbury where Craig Smith is the Governor.

"Foston Hall is a women's prison – one of 12 women's prisons in England and Wales. In addition to holding women from Derbyshire we hold women from across the midlands – particularly the West Midlands.

"I have worked within the Prison Service for over 30 years and previously served as Governor of Bedford Prison and, prior to that, Deputy Governor of Bullingdon Prison (near Bicester) and Aylesbury Young Offenders Institution.

"I am originally from Surrey so have been gradually moving up the country personally and professionally. My very first job in prisons in 1991 was project managing the roll out of in-cell television across all prisons as part of the reforms from the "Woolf Report" – completed in the aftermath of riots at Manchester and other prisons in 1990. The Service has come a long way since that time. This is the first time in my career I have worked with female offenders. It is a privilege to be leading a prison where there are many opportunities for us to work with the women to support them through unresolved trauma and provide them with practical opportunities, such as vocational training, to improve their opportunities for leading crime free lives when they leave prison.

"There are many adult safeguarding issues arising from these women's stories, which we need to ensure we address to keep them and those around them safe. So it is good to be a part of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board, both to ensure we have the necessary support around the prison to get this right but also to share our particular perspectives of adult safeguarding.

"When I am not at work I am a keen walker and have an ambition to walk all the national trails. I have already walked Hadrian's Wall, the Thames and the Cleveland Way. I recently started to walk The South West Coast Path. There are plenty of walking days ahead of me to achieve my ambition!"

UPDATED - Derby and Derbyshire Practice Guidance



The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards Practice Guidance has been updated

The joint Policy and Procedures Sub-Group signed-off several pieces of new practice guidance at a meeting in January 2022, which have been published in the [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards Practice Guidance](#).

1. The **Counter Terrorism** section on page 23 and has been updated and now mentions self-initiated terrorism, which is when someone 'self-radicalises' and then starts to threaten or move towards violence - they can be known as a 'self-initiated terrorist' or S-IT.
2. The referral process for the **Modern Slavery National Referral Mechanism (NRM)** process for adult victims starting on page 39 has been updated.
3. Information about the use of **chronologies** has been added on page 89 as part of the **Minimum standards for recording** section. Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) has highlighted the importance of considering the use of chronologies in all cases. They are particularly helpful in cases where neglect is known or suspected. Chronologies are a useful tool for all partner agencies to enable them to easily understand the history of a case.
4. The function and responsibilities of the **Office of the Public Guardian** are explained in a new section on page 96.
5. A new section called "**Supporting decision-making as a child enters adulthood (transition and the Mental Capacity Act 2005)**" has been added on page 114 to assist professionals working with young people who have a profound multiple learning disability (PMLD) as they transition from children's to adult services.

UPDATED - S42 Enquiry Request form



The S42 Enquiry Request form has been updated

The Care Act 2014 requires that a local authority must: “make enquiries, or cause others to do so, if it believes an adult is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect.” An enquiry should establish whether any action needs to be taken to prevent or stop abuse or neglect.

This form should be completed as comprehensively as possible by DCC Adult Care before Section 42 enquiries are tasked to external agencies/colleagues.

The Initial Enquiries and S42 Enquiries practice guidance aims to provide information to support best practice for staff; from the point of receipt of a safeguarding referral, through to initial enquiries, Section 42 enquiries, safety planning and closure of safeguarding.

The latest versions of [S42 Enquiry Request form and the Initial Enquiries and S42 Enquiries practice guidance](#) can always be found on the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website.

VARM Administrator post - Gill Windle's retirement



On behalf of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board and the Derbyshire County Council Safeguarding Adults team, Nat Gee, Service Manager for Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board would like to say a fond farewell to Gill Windle, who is retiring this month

“Gill has worked for DCC for the past 16 years in various business services roles for children’s social care and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board, before joining the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board team in 2019 to provide administrative support to the vulnerable

adult risk management (VARM) process. This was a brand-new post at the time and Gill quickly made it her own, bringing enthusiasm and energy to the role and building excellent relationships with board partners. She has played a key role in coordinating VARM activity and ensuring that the VARM process runs smoothly and this has been much appreciated by Board members and colleagues. At a recent Board meeting one Board member reflected that Gill’s efforts to ensure adults are invited to and are involved in their VARM meetings has most certainly made a positive impact on the outcomes for many adults in Derbyshire who are supported by the VARM process.

“Gill has always been a well-respected and valued member of our team. She is a real team player and has always gone the extra mile to help others. We will miss her very much, but we wish her a long and happy retirement.”

There will now be a period of time where the VARM Administrator post remains vacant. We hope that this will be no more than 6-8 weeks but during this time we ask for your understanding as there will be reduced capacity to support with VARM matters.

We ask that you continue to inform the Board office of all VARMs taking place and when there is a new VARM, please contact us to request a case number. Please also continue to send in hoarding grant applications. Please email DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk as Gill’s email inbox will not be monitored after 16th March 2022.

Please note that all [VARM documentation](#) can be found on the DSAB website along with staff guidance and this should assist with the majority of queries you may have in relation to VARM.

Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board annual report, video and 2-page summary 2020/2021



The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board annual report and summary for 2020/2021 has been published

The DSAB's three-year Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 was agreed by Board members in June 2019 and focuses on three strategic priorities – Making Safeguarding Personal, Prevention and Quality Assurance. The Strategic Plan is formally reviewed annually by the Board and is a standing item at the DSAB's Board meetings.

You can access the [full 2020/2021 report, a two-page summary, or watch a short highlights slideshow.](#)

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) update



Michelle Grant at Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (DDCCG) updates us about the work being undertaken in Derbyshire about Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

Following the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adult Board publishing Multi-Agency Learning Review (MALR) 19A, a review which highlighted the need to raise awareness of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) across both Health and Social Care, the Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children and the Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Adults at Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (DDCCG) have taken responsibility for actioning this recommendation.

Training sessions on FASD were held in November 2020 and November 2021 funded by the DSAB. A further training event took place in February 2021 funded by DDCCG and all highlighted the risks of pre-natal alcohol exposure and the impact this has on the development of a person throughout their life.

We shared the findings from this Multi-Agency Learning Review with our East Midlands NHS England Safeguarding colleagues last year and they too had little awareness of FASD. As a result, NHS England agreed to fund a further study day open to all to discuss this topic and raise awareness. This training event has #MakeFASDVisible as the hashtag for the day on 18th March 2022. This event was delivered by Red Balloon Training and looked at FASD aetiology, terminology, presentation across the lifespan, diagnosis, the new NICE quality standard, the importance of a neurodevelopmental assessment and care management plan. Over 100 practitioners attended who also heard from a paediatrician who is experienced in diagnosing FASD as well as from parents with lived experience.

A further recommendation from the Multi-Agency Learning Review was to review the diagnostic pathway for FASD. Children's commissioners are currently undertaking a three-year project to transform the Neuro Development (ND) assessment pathway. Whilst the Designated Doctor and Nurse work with the Derby Derbyshire system to embed the recognition of suspected FASD in the system, Phase 1 of this transformation work is underway. Under Phase 2 work will be undertaken with providers to ensure a robust assessment pathway is embedded within the existing ND assessment pathway.

SV2 posters - supporting victims of sexual violence



SV2 works with victims/survivors of sexual violence and abuse to inform, support, protect and empower them

SV2 is a charity commissioned by NHS England, Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire County Council to provide the County's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) service.

This service includes forensic medical examinations, crisis worker support, Advice Line and support from Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs). We work in partnership with the police but independently in order to advocate for anyone who accesses our services.

SV2 has a range of information that can be downloaded, including posters that have QR codes which people can scan to find out more about their services.

Making Positive Choices RESPECT Young Persons Programme



Making Positive Choices is a RESPECT Young Persons Programme

It provides intensive, one-to-one support to children and young people in Derbyshire who are at risk of harming intimate partners, family members or their peers.

Making Positive Choices addresses the issue of abusive behaviours at a young age. The project supports them to make positive life choices and avoid the negative experiences and consequences we see adult perpetrators dealing with as a result of their actions: relationship/family breakdown, losing access to their children, having a criminal record.

The aims of the project are:

- To address and reduce these abusive tendencies at the earliest possible stage
- To help these children and young people to make positive life choices
- To prevent them from becoming adult perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

Working together with professionals greatly increases the chances of a positive outcome for those participating in the programme. Therefore, GPs, Teachers, and others working with young people are encouraged to make referrals for those who would benefit from the Making Positive Choices programme.

There is no charge to use this service and the Making Positive Choices programme is now available for referrals.

For a confidential chat or to arrange an initial assessment please contact the programme by emailing info@makingpositivechoices.co.uk, calling 08000 198 668 or completing their [initial contact form](#).

Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery guidance



The Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery guidance has been published

Modern slavery is a complex crime that takes several different forms. It encompasses slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking.

Even though most people think slavery only exists overseas, modern slavery in the UK is thriving. It's estimated that tens of thousands of people are in modern slavery in the UK today.

The guidance is intended to provide clear and up-to-date information on the key facts and help staff recognise the signs to be able to respond effectively, so that more victims receive help and perpetrators are brought to justice.

The guidance is split between adult and child victims and addresses situations when a child may be accompanied by an adult. The guidance will help staff understand both processes when referring potential victims into services and will assist those:

- Who may encounter potential victims of modern slavery
- Are involved in supporting victims
- Are responsible for referring into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)

You can access the [Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery guidance](#) and more information about [modern slavery in Derbyshire](#) from the Safer Derbyshire website.

'What is Cybercrime?' British Sign Language video



Fully BSL signed video produced by East Midlands police forces to raise awareness of cyber security

A [first-of-its-kind video](#) has been produced by East Midlands Police forces to help the deaf community learn about cyber security, fraud and scams that could affect them.

In a collaboration across five police forces in the East Midlands, officers from the East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU) Cyber Protect teams spent a day filming with BSL Interpreter Sabrina Faulkner from Leicestershire Police, to produce a series of videos that will be shared across the region.

This is the first of a series of videos that will be released in coming months, each with an important message for the deaf community.

Detective Sergeant Louise Gibson from the Cyber Security team said: "We are very proud to today be releasing our first fully signed BSL video.

"The deaf community is no exception in being a target for criminals, so if you or someone you know is deaf please signpost them to this video and keep an eye on our website for more being released soon."

Alongside the video, the team is also [relaunching its website](#) following improvements made to its mobile site.

For more information on the work of EMSOU's Cyber Protect teams, please follow their regional account on Twitter: [@EMCyberSecure](#)

NHS Talking Therapies mental health services campaign



A new NHS England and NHS Improvement campaign to promote NHS mental health services is now live

Titled, '**Help us, Help You**', it encourages anyone experiencing feelings such as anxiety, depression or other common mental health concerns to seek help through **NHS Talking Therapies** (also known as **IAPT**- Improved Access to Psychological Therapies).

The campaign is running between **17 January and 31 March 2022** and a range of **free resources to promote** its messages are **available for download from the Campaign Resource Centre** . You will have to **sign in or register** to access the resources - registering is easy and only takes a couple of minutes.

Details of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) services for Derby and Derbyshire patients **can be found here on the NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) website**.

Mental Capacity guidance from 39 Essex Chambers



39 Essex Chambers' excellent Mental Capacity Act (MCA) guides for Social Care workers have again been updated

Examples of the guidance documents available are:

1. Carrying out and recording capacity assessments
2. Determining and recording best interests
3. Relevant information for different categories of decisions

These guides (and future versions) can also be found on [39 Essex Chambers' website](#) (with their other guides, e.g., fluctuating capacity; MCA and vaccination; and MCA and ordinary residence). You can use the subscribe button on 39 Essex Chambers' website if you want to receive their monthly case law updates.

Alex Ruck Keene, a 39 Essex Chambers barrister and co-author of some of the guides) has jointly created a new, excellent and friendly-looking [Capacity Guide website](#). It contains much of the information in the guides and more besides, e.g., the using a Flashpoints tab to provide useful guidance in several common scenarios.

Handy Van service to cease in Derbyshire



From 31st March 2022 there will no longer be a Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) commissioned Handy Van Service

Over the coming months capacity will reduce and from 25th February 2022 prioritisation will be given to hospital discharge and social care support.

Both partners have reviewed the scheme and agreed they can no longer support it in its current form and must find alternative ways of delivering services previously offered through the Handy Van service.

DFRS has found other ways of delivering its Safe and Well Checks, which were part of the scheme. Going forward Safe and Well Checks/smoke alarms provision and installation will be delivered directly by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Community alarms and Telecare will be installed and maintained through an alternative provision. Details of this will be made available once the required process has been completed.

Derbyshire County Council will continue to work with their partners to support Derbyshire's most vulnerable residents, and by spending every penny wisely, they will ensure they can continue to provide essential, high-quality services for the people of Derbyshire.

Should you receive a query about a **Safe and Well check or smoke alarms**, please direct the query to the appropriate DFRS area office:

- **East Area Office** (North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover and Amber Valley)
Email: EastAreaAdmin@derbys-fire.gov.uk, tel: 01246 223 500
- **South Area Office** (Derby City, South Derbyshire and Erewash) email: SouthAreaAdmin@derbys-fire.gov.uk, tel: 01332 777 850
- **West Area Office** (High Peak and Derbyshire Dales) email: West_Area_Admins@derbys-fire.gov.uk, tel: 01298 608 720
- For people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired, text: 07766 299999

First Contact has now restarted many of its offers for housing needs, home repairs and Warm Homes to come online shortly. These can be accessed through Call Derbyshire, tel: 01629 533190 or text: 86555.

Derbyshire Trusted Traders are able to help with practical tasks, including flatpack furniture construction, small household repairs, path clearance, fitting of key safes. There are **28** Handy Man services available across Derbyshire and **66** Garden Maintenance offers across Derbyshire. You can also pop into a local library and ask about Derbyshire Trusted Trader - staff will be able to supply you with more information and you can take advantage of free internet use to search for businesses online. These can be accessed on the [Trusted Trader website](#) or through Call Derbyshire, tel: 01629 533190 or text: 86555.

Local community/voluntary organisation. There is a range of community and voluntary infrastructure organisations available that have contacts of local people and services for a range of activities. Find out more by visiting the [Derbyshire Directory](#).

The **Safe and Sound Project** provides a team of rapid response volunteers to support people with many one-off referrals they receive, tel: 01246 276 777, email: info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk.

For information about small aids and adaptations to support independent living contact Call Derbyshire, tel: 01629 533190, text: 86555. Alternatively, visit the [AskSARA](#) website for information about a variety of aids and adaptations that can be bought. Derbyshire County Council has information about [help to live at home](#).

Falls preventions advice. There's a wealth of information available from [Live Life Better Derbyshire](#) and [Derbyshire County Council](#).

Home Improvement Agency has information and advice about home adaptations, energy advice, support to access a Disabled Facilities Grant or other home improvement grants, tel: 0845 850 8013.

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](#)

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](#).

To report a Safeguarding Concern



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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**

Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board
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 June 2022

For queries or comments please contact:

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