



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 Service 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 32 of our newsletter.

I am pleased to share with you that our annual report for 2022-2023 is now published. The report outlines and reflects on key activity, progress and priority areas of work for the Board over this twelve-month period. I would encourage you to take the time to read it as I believe it provides assurance there is a strong partnership approach to adult safeguarding in Derbyshire. Alongside the full report there is a two-page summary which provides the key highlights and some useful links to the latest Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board resources.

In other news, it is National Safeguarding Adults Week from 20th to 24th November 2023. We have joined with Derby Safeguarding Adults Board to focus on the topic of mental capacity for the week, with a range of workshops running throughout the week for staff who work for agencies in Derbyshire or Derby City. Please see the information in this newsletter. As of the date of issue, some sessions are fully booked but places are still available on several workshops on 20th, 22nd and 24th November 2023.

National Safeguarding Adults Week is a time when we try to encourage discussion, learning and awareness-raising about safeguarding adults, and reflect on the role that we all play in preventing abuse and neglect and protecting people from harm. I encourage you to take time during the week to reflect on your role and how it can contribute to safeguarding adults in Derbyshire. Safeguarding is truly everyone's business, and together we can make a difference to the lives of many Derbyshire citizens who have suffered, or who are at risk of suffering from abuse and neglect.

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 work together to enable people in Derby and Derbyshire to make choices to stay safe and 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 18th October 2023.

It was a joint meeting with Derby Safeguarding Adults Board members

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

- It was agreed that the DSAB annual report 2022-2023 would be circulated to Board members for final sign-off.

- Hayley Moore, Deputy Director of Safeguarding and Closed Culture, Care Quality Commission (CQC), attended the meeting to provide assurance and updates about work taking place in relation to closed cultures.
- An annual update in relation to modern slavery was provided by the Derbyshire and Derby City Community Safety Teams.
- It was confirmed that the new framework for managing allegations against persons in a position of trust (PIPOT) was launched on 9th October 2023.
- Gemma Poulter, Derbyshire County Council Adult Social Care and Emily Freeman, Derby City Council provided updates about the Annual Conversation and preparation for inspection.
- The risk register was reviewed.
- Sub-group updates were provided by the Chairs of each of the sub-groups.
- Safeguarding adults referral data for quarter 2 of 2023-2024 was shared and discussed.

Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board annual report 2022-2023

We have published our 2022-2023 annual report



The report gives an overview of the progress and activity of our partnership during the year. It provides assurance of a collective, multi-agency response to addressing the abuse and neglect of adults

In the last 12 months our Board and sub-groups have focused on three strategic priorities:

1. Making Safeguarding Personal
2. Quality assurance
3. Prevention

The 6 principles of adult safeguarding underpin what we do. They remind us we should treat every adult as an individual.

1. Empowerment
2. Protection
3. Prevention
4. Partnership
5. Proportionality
6. Accountability

The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair, Andy Searle, said:

"I am grateful to our Board partners and the Board office team who work incredibly hard throughout the year to safeguard adults in Derbyshire as we continue to strive to achieve our vision."

Our 2022/2023 annual report is available to [read in full or as a 2-page summary](#)

NEW - Derby and Derbyshire "Safeguarding Adults: What to Expect" leaflet



The Derby and Derbyshire "Safeguarding Adults: What to Expect" leaflet launched on 1st August 2023

The [leaflet](#) provides an explanation of the purpose of the safeguarding process in a clear and straightforward way.

The leaflet is something that can be 'owned' by the adult and they can refer back at any point during the safeguarding process. The leaflet contains sections where the practitioner can inform the adult who their key point of contact is in relation to the safeguarding process and the nature of the concerns raised about them. There is also a section where the adult can write down any questions, wishes or feelings. This information can be used as part of safety planning to ensure that the adult's views have been taken into account.

The leaflet has been co-produced with feedback received from the Derbyshire Stakeholder Engagement Board (DSEB) and adults who have previously been supported via the safeguarding process in Derbyshire.

Making safeguarding personal (MSP) means putting the adult at the centre of everything we do. The focus should always be on ensuring we understand what the adult wants to achieve, and agreeing, negotiating and recording their desired outcomes, working with them to see how these can be realised.

Important – when safe to do so, this leaflet should be shared and discussed with the adult and/or their advocate at the start of the safeguarding process with time taken to explain its purpose. The decision to share the leaflet should be taken on a case-by-case basis with professional judgement used. If in doubt check with your line manager/safeguarding lead before sharing the leaflet.

UPDATE - Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery Guidance for Adults and Children

Following changes to the national Statutory Guidance for Modern Slavery, the Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery Guidance for Adults and Children has also been updated.

Changes include:

- Amendments to financial support
- Changes to a reasonable ground decision
- Homeless provision
- Pre-NRM details for Rebuild East Midlands



The most recent copy is available on the [Safer Derbyshire website](#) scroll to the bottom of the webpage to access the guidance.

UPDATE - Derby and Derbyshire PIPOT Framework

Two updates have been made to the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Practice Guidance

Domestic abuse

The domestic abuse section now includes information about domestic abuse in the 65 and over age group.

Domestic abuse is considered more hidden in this age group and is complicated by often having a range of care needs and wider relationship issues.

Studies have shown that older people are more likely to remain in an abusive situation longer than those under 65-years old.

Definitions of abuse

In the document's introduction we have included definitions of abuse as a handy reference when you are reading other sections of the document.

Read the [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Practice Guidance](#)



UPDATE - Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) hoarding grant funding



The funds for the VARM hoarding grant for the financial year 2023/2024 have now all be used up

Unfortunately, we will not be able to consider any new grant applications for the 2023/2024 financial year.

We will provide a further update at the end of the 2023/2024 financial year in relation to future funding.

Other funding streams across the partnership might be available. These may have particular criteria for funding approval. Email our VARM Administrator for a list on request, DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Arrangement of VARM meetings should continue when the VARM criteria apply.

For advice or support about the VARM process, email DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk

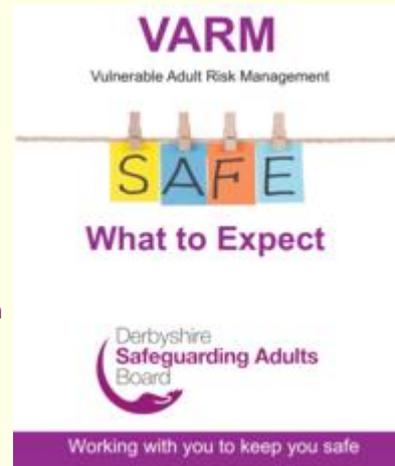
TRAINING - Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) webinars 2024 and 2025

Dates for 2024 and 2025 sessions of our popular Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) webinars are now available to book

This is a free half-day webinar that will look at the [Vulnerable Adults Risk Management \(VARM\) process](#) and how to use it most effectively to support individuals.

This briefing is aimed at all professionals working for our partner agencies in Derbyshire.

These [VARM webinar sessions](#) will be delivered via the Microsoft Teams video platform.



Key learning outcomes for this webinar are to:

- explore the VARM policy and procedures
- consider the roles and responsibilities of different agencies within VARM
- explore some of the skills and methods that can support working with individuals
- develop confidence in working with VARM

If you already have a [Derbyshire Learning Online \(DLO\)](#) account, log in and search for the course title. To enrol and book a place on the course click 'sign-up'. If you need to cancel your place, please log back in to DLO to do so.

For non-Derbyshire County Council employees who wish to enrol on this course you will need to create a DLO account. If you don't already have one, email derbyshire.learningonline@derbyshire.gov.uk quoting the course name together with your organisation's name, and instructions will be forwarded on how to register for an account.

All staff should follow their internal agency guidelines when requesting to attend the webinar.

Safeguarding Adults Week 2023



We are supporting Safeguarding Adults Week 2023

Safeguarding Adults Week from 20th November until 24th November 2023 is an opportunity for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues.

The aim is to highlight key safeguarding issues, start conversations and raise awareness of safeguarding best practice.

Find out more about how you can be involved to support the week, visit the [Ann Craft Trust website](#).

Safeguarding Adults Week 2023 webinars and online workshops



- **20th November 2023** – [Introducing the theme of MCA and safeguarding adults](#) - places available
- **20th November 2023** – [MCA: increasing confidence in assessing capacity, DoLS and Court of Protection](#) (this session will be repeated on 21st and 23rd November 2023) - FULLY BOOKED
- **21st November 2023** – [MCA: increasing confidence in assessing capacity, DoLS and Court of Protection](#) - FULLY BOOKED
- **22nd November 2023** – [MCA and fluctuating capacity](#) - places available
- **23rd November 2023** – [MCA, safeguarding adults and engagement](#) - FULLY BOOKED
- **23rd November 2023** – [MCA: increasing confidence in assessing capacity, DoLS and Court of Protection](#) - FULLY BOOKED
- **24th November 2023** – [MCA and trauma-informed practice](#) - places available

Sock it to the scammers fraud campaign



It is time to “sock it to the scammers”

A pink and perky sock puppet called Claude is the face of a new fraud-fighting campaign. With reports of fraud reports rising, it is time to try something unconventional.

Claude’s mission is to [#SockItToTheScammers](#). Claude is here to raise awareness of sophisticated scams. This can help prevent the long-term stress and financial loss endured by victims.

The aim of the campaign is for as many people to watch the videos. It will alert them to the tactics of fraudsters. They can then share this knowledge with elderly relatives and neighbours.

Each short clip focuses on a different type of fraud. Claude explains how criminals trick people into revealing personal and sensitive information.

Anyone can be the target of a scam. Criminals know that we are all busy people so might only be paying limited attention to that risky link or call.

If you are not sure, listen to Claude:

STOP before clicking a link and giving your information or following the instructions from the caller.

THINK about what they are asking for, and why they say they need it. Banking and personal information is very valuable. Think again before giving any details.

TELL another person or organisation. If you are still not sure about a request, talk to someone you trust. If you are ever in doubt, try and verify what someone is asking and look for further advice.

Watch Claude in action in the [#SockItToTheScammers series of videos](#) from Derbyshire Police.

Online Safety Act

The Online Safety Bill has now received Royal Assent, meaning it has become the Online Safety Act 2023

The bolstered Act has been strengthened through debate, with firmer protections for children, more control for adults and clarity for social platforms.

The regulator, [Ofcom](#), will be focussing on removing illegal content at first, and slowly rolling out its other responsibilities as time progresses. Ofcom will regulate the largest platforms, with fines of up to £18m or 10% of company value for serious breaches.



Platforms will have to put new features in place to protect users, such as:

- remove illegal content quickly or prevent it from appearing in the first place, including content promoting self-harm
- prevent children from accessing harmful and age-inappropriate content
- enforce age limits and age-checking measures
- ensure the risks and dangers posed to children on the largest social media platforms are more transparent, including by publishing risk assessments
- provide parents and children with clear and accessible ways to report problems online when they do arise

The triple shield

There is a requirement for Category 1 service providers to provide greater power for adult users, in particular, to determine what content they see. The Government has introduced what it refers to as the “triple shield”, which requires online platforms to:

1. remove illegal content
2. remove content prohibited by the platform’s own terms and conditions; and
3. provide users with tools to tailor the content they see and filter out potentially harmful content (children will automatically have this filter applied to their accounts)

Crucially, the third duty requires that legal but harmful content must be filtered out of children’s online feeds.

Priority categories of legal but harmful content for children will be set out in secondary legislation, alongside related Ofcom guidance.

Content which adults should be empowered to filter out is categorised in the Bill and includes material:

- relating to suicide and self-harm

- relating to eating disorders; or
- which abuses a range of protected characteristics (such as race, gender, and religion).

The Online Safety Bill places responsibility on online platforms (social media, search engines, user-to-user services) to keep users safe online.

New offences

The Online Safety Act 2023 includes 6 new offences:

1. Sending flashing images to a person with epilepsy (also known as [epilepsy trolling](#))
2. Cyber-flashing (sexual offences)
3. False communications
4. Threatening communications
5. Encouraging or assisting self-harm
6. Sharing intimate images

End-to-end encryption (E2EE)

The Bill sets out a legal duty for social media companies to put in place systems and processes to tackle child sexual abuse content on their services irrespective of the technologies they use, including services using [E2EE](#).

The Bill will give Ofcom the power, where necessary and proportionate, to require that a company use accredited technology, or make best efforts to develop technology, to tackle child sexual abuse on any part of its service including public and private channels.

Fraudulent advertisements

A provider of a Category 1 service must operate the service using proportionate systems and processes designed to:

1. prevent individuals from encountering content consisting of fraudulent advertisements by means of the service;
2. minimise the length of time for which any such content is present;
3. where the provider is alerted by a person to the presence of such content, or becomes aware of it in any other way, swiftly take down such content.

Media literacy

A [media literacy strategy](#) is a plan setting out how Ofcom propose to exercise their functions under section 11 in the period covered by the plan, which must be not more than three years.

Ofcom must prepare and publish a media literacy strategy within the period of one year, beginning with the day on which the Online Safety Act 2023 is passed.

TRAINING - Cyber Choices webinars

Cybercrime now accounts for almost 50% of crime in the UK



Cyber Choices is a national programme aimed at early-intervention with children and young people who are tech-savvy and on the cusp of cyber criminality, deterring them from cybercrime and helping them to make informed choices that will use their skills in a legal way, resulting in positive career pathways.

Derbyshire County Council Community Safety and Derbyshire Police have developed a toolkit to help practitioners who work with young, vulnerable people to “spot the signs” and make referrals into the programme.

Free webinars are planned for November and December 2023 to explain the toolkit and the programme further. Click on your chosen date to reserve your place:

- [Thursday 16 November from Midday to 1pm](#)
- [Thursday 7 December from 10am to 11am](#)
- [Thursday 14 December from 1pm to 2pm](#)

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

Derbyshire Domestic
Abuse Helpline



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](#)

Reporting a safeguarding concern

A poster for the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board. The top half features a photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a grey sweater, sitting and covering her face with her hand, looking distressed. The bottom half is a dark purple box with white and pink text. The text includes the board's name, a statement 'There is NO Excuse for Abuse', and contact information for reporting concerns.

Derbyshire
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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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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 17th January 2024

For queries or comments please contact:

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