



**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 this issue 35 of our newsletter.

These newsletters over the years have become better and better – a wonderful source of information from a local, regional and a national level. It is important we keep ourselves up-to-date with the latest information surrounding adult safeguarding, and I commend this edition, as previous ones, as a worthwhile read.

This will be my last introduction as I step down in September 2024 as the Independent Chair with over a decade of involvement. My personal circumstances have changed with a need to be available more and more for my wider family, involving caring support and grandparental 'duties'. I leave with no regrets – it is my decision and life is always evolving.

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

We have come through the COVID-19 pandemic, which really did impact on all of our community. Over the years we have seen the number of referrals into adult safeguarding increase, and as a partnership we have managed to address these concerns in a proportionate way and as speedily as possible. We need, however, to make sure they are appropriate referrals so as not to overload the systems.

I believe we have a Board which is a true partnership, not just the statutory partners of the Local Authority, Police, and Health, but a wider engagement with organisations across Derbyshire. We continue to update our policy and procedures and these are multi-agency, not just for the Local Authority. We have sub-groups that allow for dedicated work to take place to enhance our approach to adult abuse and neglect. We have increased our use of social media ([X](#) and [Facebook](#)) and created a [website](#) that is full of useful resources and is a hub of knowledge.

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Please enjoy this latest edition of our newsletter and use it as an opportunity to increase or refresh your knowledge. I wish everyone involved in adult safeguarding all the very best. I live in Derbyshire and I care about our community. Please continue the good work to address the abuse and neglect of adults and make all safeguarding personal.

"The DSAB partnership will support and enable people in Derbyshire to make choices to stay safe and to live a life free from harm, abuse, and exploitation."

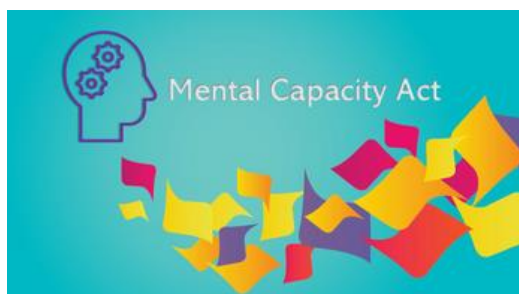
News from the Board

The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) meets every three months. The last meeting took place on 17th July 2024

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

- It was confirmed that Andy Searle will be stepping down from the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair role from 1st September 2024. Board members thanked Andy for his support and leadership over the last ten years.
- The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board Manager shared “Martin’s story” with Board members, a Derbyshire resident who was supported via the Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) process.
- The updated Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board risk register was reviewed by Board members.
- A Ministerial letter in relation to safeguarding adults boards and homelessness was discussed, with some actions agreed to ensure there are well established links and communication pathways between the Board and homelessness strategy leads.
- A verbal update was provided by Derbyshire County Council in relation to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of the local authority in April 2024.
- A discussion took place about modern slavery, with an action for the Board members from Community Safety to bring information about the work of the Modern Slavery Sub-Group to the next Board meeting in October 2024.
- Safeguarding data and key performance indicators (KPIs) from quarter 1 of 2024-2025 were presented and discussed by Board members.
- Sub-group chairs provided updates about the activity of their sub-groups in the previous quarter.

Mental Capacity Act Sub-Group newsletter



The latest edition of the newsletter from the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards Mental Capacity Sub-Group is available to read from the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board's website.

This edition includes:

- Mental capacity and best interests decisions
- 39 Essex Chambers Mental Capacity Act Resource Centre
- Capacity and the impact of trauma decision-making

Read issue 7 of the [Mental Capacity Sub-Group newsletter](#)

Updates made to the Safeguarding Adults What to Expect leaflet



Following feedback from carers' groups in Derbyshire, our [Safeguarding Adults What to Expect leaflet](#) has been updated to ensure it is also accessible and useful for carers.

The leaflet provides an explanation of the purpose of the safeguarding process in a clear and straightforward way. It is something the adult can 'own', use to write down their thoughts and desired outcomes in relation to the safeguarding process, and refer to at any point during the safeguarding process. Using professional judgment, the decision to share the leaflet should be taken case-by-case.

Please ensure you use the latest version of the leaflet.

The leaflet was developed collaboratively, incorporating feedback from the Derbyshire Stakeholder Engagement Board (DSEB) and adults who have received support through Derbyshire's safeguarding process.

New safeguarding adults electronic referral form



From 25 July 2024, the [Derbyshire safeguarding adults electronic referral form](#) will be live.

The form is for referrals from professionals only. Members of the public who would like to raise a safeguarding concern should continue to contact Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

The electronic referral form can be saved at the point of submission by the referrer to allow referring agencies to store a copy of the safeguarding adult referral on their own recording

systems.

The word document option for submitting referrals is still available but we strongly encourage referrers to use the new electronic version of the form as it is designed to be much more user friendly and will also assist with improving data capture and data quality.

IMPORTANT: referral forms will only be reviewed and processed during office hours and therefore if you have safeguarding concerns for a person's safety that require urgent attention out of hours on weekdays or at the weekend you must contact Call Derbyshire 01629 533190.

Is a safeguarding adult referral the right referral route for you?

- A safeguarding adult referral should be made where you are concerned that the person is experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect. To assist referrers with decision-making prior to submitting a referral, guidance and quick reference guides are available from the [adult safeguarding decision making guidance page](#) of our website.
- If you are a professional requesting an adult care assessment for someone you work with, please use the [online professional referral form](#).
- If you are asking for help for yourself, a friend or family member, you can complete an [online self-assessment](#), or ask for an [assessment from adult social care](#) where it appears that you may have need for care and support.

Trader News - a newsletter for tradespeople focusing on safeguarding members of the public



Tradespeople including heating, plumbing/cooling engineers, builders, or painters and decorators can play a vital role in keeping adults and children safe from harm and abuse.

Workers who enter homes to carry out their work, may well be in a position to notice and report signs of neglect, exploitation and abuse, thereby playing an essential role in keeping members of the public safe and secure.

Your information could be the first indication or a missing part of a bigger picture. Adults or children rarely exist in isolation and the approach of 'Think Family' aims to promote the importance of considering the potential risk or wider implication to the whole family.

Trader News is a safeguarding factsheet for tradespeople who visit people's homes

Derbyshire Lived Experience Project: Derbyshire Voice



Derbyshire Voice is an initiative funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, in collaboration with Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils. The Derbyshire Lived Experience Project uses the Derbyshire Voice app to enable residents affected by crime or trauma to share their experiences and opinions, aiming to improve local support services and shape future policies.

Why Participate? Your feedback directly influences victim support services and comes with financial rewards. Participation involves quick, easy surveys on your phone.

Support via the App: Please note, the app does not provide direct support. For assistance, contact Derbyshire Victim Services at 0800 612 6505 or text 'DVS' to 82228.

How to Get the App:

1. **Download** for Apple or Android using the QR code or search "VS Voice" in your app store.
2. **Enter Passcode:** WTHAUR3D
3. **Verify** with the password sent to your email.

Need Help or More Information? For any issues or questions, email voice@victimsupport.org.uk.

Free webinar – Understanding domestic abuse support: key issues and current services in Derby and Derbyshire



We are excited to announce an upcoming online webinar focused on domestic abuse support services in Derby and Derbyshire.

This networking and information event is organised by the Derby and Derbyshire Domestic and Sexual Abuse Communications Subgroup.

The webinar offers a valuable opportunity for professionals from statutory, voluntary, and community sector organisations to find out about key domestic abuse issues and the support services that are currently available to victims of domestic abuse in Derby and Derbyshire.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday, 27th September 2024
- **Time:** 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- **Platform:** Microsoft Teams

Key speakers will address various aspects of domestic abuse, sharing insights and fostering a collaborative approach to improving domestic abuse support within our community.

To reserve your place at this important webinar, please [click here to register](#) or contact jill.hanrahan@derbyshire.gov.uk for further information.

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



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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There are eight [There is NO Excuse for Abuse](#) posters. They are available to download from the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website.

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The next DSAB meeting is on 16th October 2024

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