



Welcome to the newsletter of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board Issue 38

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Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) is a multi-agency strategic partnership, which ensures and oversees the effectiveness of arrangements made by agencies to safeguard adults who have care and support needs and are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, abuse or neglect.

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Message from our Independent Chair



Welcome to the latest edition of our Derbyshire SAB newsletter.

I have now been in post as the Independent Chair for just over three months and want to thank everyone for the warm welcome. It has been really useful to meet new colleagues and to re-connect with some partners. I have tried to make my way around as much of the ongoing Board activity as possible to familiarise myself with Derbyshire structures. You may have seen me at some of the sub-groups, or at The Quad office in Chesterfield or at County Hall, Matlock over the past few weeks.

It has been great to support the development of the DSAB strategic plan, which is almost ready for launch. We spoke about our aspirations at the recent Development Session which was a joint in-person event with Derby SAB, which we hosted in Matlock. This was a productive morning, and it was lovely to see so many of you making the trip to County Hall on such a beautiful spring day. Hopefully, members felt they had an opportunity to help shape the future business of both Boards. The strategic plan is now being finalised from the feedback received and will be available soon. I will be meeting with all sub-group chairs in May to discuss ways we can be more effective in aligning all sub-group activity to the DSAB priorities.

If you do have comments or thoughts as to how we can make Derbyshire SAB more effective then please do email me via the Board office inbox, which is regularly monitored, ASCH.DSAB.SafeguardingAdultsBoard@derbyshire.gov.uk

Thanks for your continued support.

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News from the Board

The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) meets every three months and the last meeting took place on 10th April 2025

The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) has met twice since our last newsletter. An extraordinary Board meeting took place on 11th March 2025 to discuss the report and recommendations for a Safeguarding Adult Review, SAR23A. The sign off process is almost complete and once final sign off has been confirmed, plans to disseminate and share the learning will be agreed and shared.

A Board meeting also took place on 10th April 2025 in the form of a joint development session with Derby Safeguarding Adults Board. The session focussed on Board achievements over the past twelve months and then looked forward to the work needed to achieve the new strategic plan for 2025-2028, which will be launched soon. Board members discussed the priority areas of focus for the Boards to achieve their objectives and also discussed the importance of accountability and the role of a Board member in ensuring that the Board is effective. The feedback from the session has been valuable, and further work is being undertaken to review suggestions and feedback from the session. Further information about the new strategic plan will follow in the next newsletter.

Meet our Board members: Lisa Marriott - Head of Safeguarding, Diocese of Derby

Hello, my name is Lisa, I am the Head of Safeguarding for the Diocese of Derby, Church of England. My role is to ensure our churches in the diocese are a safer place for people to visit and worship. I am part of the senior leadership team and work closely with the National Safeguarding Team. I have strategic oversight of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and work closely with our parishes, clergy, parish safeguarding officers and partner agencies across adults and children's safeguarding.



Anyone who knows me will know safeguarding is my vocation. I am incredibly passionate about ensuring our most vulnerable are protected; I have a keen focus on prevention and early identification.

I am excited to collaborate with fellow board members to further strengthen our safeguarding activities, share best practice, and contribute to the ongoing development of our safeguarding strategy.

Derbyshire is my home county where I have lived all my life. I previously worked for Derbyshire County Council for 30 years in various departments, including Community Mental Health, Adult and Children's Services.

Outside of work I am mum to four children, three are now grown up, although not all have flown the nest! We have two energetic dogs, and love walking in the Peaks. I am a massive fan of Rugby Union, especially watching my sons play and taking the opportunity to watch Leicester Tigers. I am a Spireite, supporting Chesterfield football club since 1987 when I started selling programmes to the away fans!

UPDATED - Safeguarding Adults Referral form

Some minor updates have been made to the Derby and Derbyshire safeguarding adults referral, with the new version being available from 1st April 2025.

Where possible, the electronic versions of the form should be used. However, it is acknowledged that not every agency is able to do this; therefore, Word versions are available on the respective websites of the Derby Safeguarding Adults Board and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

- [Derby City e-form](#)
 - [Derbyshire e-form](#)
 - [Derby City Word form](#)
 - [Derbyshire Word form](#)
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UPDATED - Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults policy and procedures

In March 2025, the entirety of the [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures](#) document was reviewed and updated by members of the Derby and Derbyshire Policy and Procedures Sub-Group.

The latest version of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures document is always available on the Derbyshire safeguarding Adults Board website.



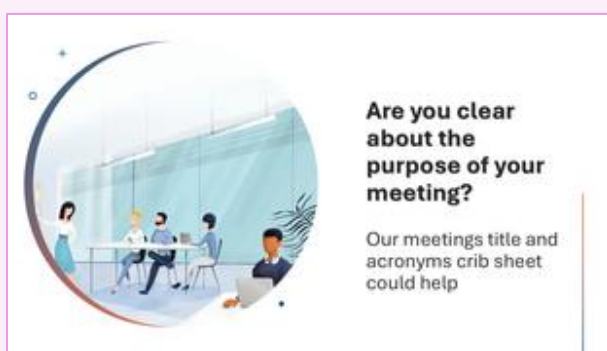
NEW - Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Charter



The [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Charter](#) outlines clear and accessible information about equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI), along with the commitments in this area by the safeguarding adults boards.

The document was officially launched at the recent joint Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards Development Day, where Board members who attended were invited to sign-up to the Charter.

NEW - Meeting titles and acronyms crib sheet



When it comes to meetings, are you sure it's the right type and that you're clear about its aims?

To help, we've put together a [meetings titles and acronyms crib sheet](#). It gives the full names of meetings and their commonly-used acronyms, along with a description and their purpose.

NEW - Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) posters

A lasting power of attorney (LPA) is a legal document which allows a person to give people they trust the authority to manage their affairs if they lack capacity to make certain decisions for themselves in the future.

To set up an LPA a person must be 18 or over, and have the mental capacity to decide to do so. The person the LPA is set up for is known as the donor.

The person chosen to make decision on behalf of the donor is known as the attorney. The attorney must also be over 18 and must themselves have the mental capacity to act as an attorney. For property and financial affairs LPAs, the attorney must not be bankrupt.

There are two types of LPA:

- health and welfare
- property and financial affairs

There is an incorrect commonly-held belief that being someone's near relative gives you the right to make decisions on their behalf, should they lose mental capacity. In law, the term 'next of kin' has no legal basis, which is why advance decisions wrapped up within LPAs are important to ensure a person's wishes are carried out.

[SCIE \(Social Care Institute for Excellence\)](#) has more information about LPAs.

The [National Mental Capacity Forum](#) is a joint Ministry of Justice and Department of Health and Social Care initiative. Its purpose is to work with stakeholders from health and social care, together with those from other sectors (for example, finance, legal, police, housing) to identify complementary actions which member organisations can pursue, especially at a local level, to improve implementation of the MCA.

We have two new posters to share about [Lasting Power of Attorney \(LPA\)](#) and [Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment \(ADRT\)](#), which can be downloaded and displayed.



Safeguarding: What to Expect leaflet language translations

Our [Safeguarding: What to Expect 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 person and they can refer back at any point during the safeguarding process.

The leaflet contains sections where the practitioner can inform the person who their key point of contact is in relation to the safeguarding process and the nature of the concerns raised about them.

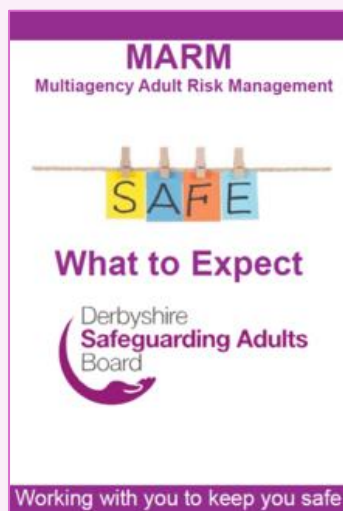
There is also a section where the person can write down any questions, wishes or feelings. This information can be used as part of safety planning to ensure that the person's views have been taken into account.



The leaflet is available in:

English, Arabic, Faroese, Kurdish, Pashto, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese

Multiagency Adult Risk Management: What to Expect leaflet language translations



The [Multiagency Adult Risk Management: What to Expect leaflet](#) will help the person you are supporting understand why a MARM meeting has been arranged.

There is a section in the leaflet for the person to write down their views, wishes and feelings, and it can be used as a way for them to contribute to the MARM process if they do not wish to attend the meeting, or to support discussions at the meeting if they do attend.

Where possible, the leaflet should be shared with the person you are supporting at the start of the process.

The leaflet is available in:

English, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Ukrainian and Urdu.

Multiagency Adult Risk Management webinars

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



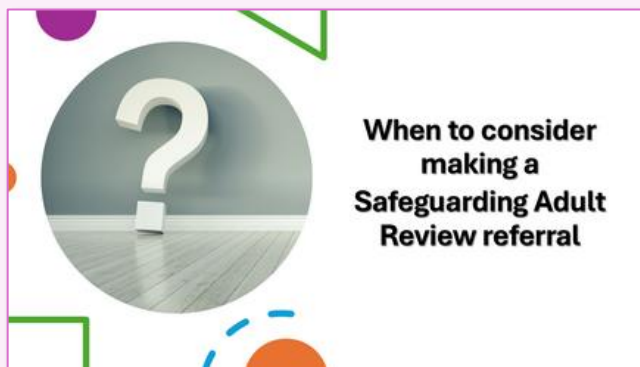
Key learning outcomes for this webinar are to:

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

This webinar, which is delivered via the Microsoft Teams video platform, is only available for individuals who work and provide services within Derbyshire boundaries.

Please visit the [Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website](#) for [dates and details of how to book places](#).

When to consider making a Safeguarding Adult Review referral



What is a Safeguarding Adult Review?

Section 44 of the Care Act 2014 requires local Safeguarding Adult Boards to arrange a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) when an adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the person at risk.

A SAR must also be conducted when an adult has not died, but the Board knows or suspects that the adult has experienced serious abuse/neglect. In the context of SARs, this would include situations where a person would have been likely to have died but for an intervention, or has suffered permanent harm, or has reduced capacity or quality of life (whether because of physical or psychological effects) as a result of the abuse or neglect.

Safeguarding Adult Review criteria

Section 44 of the Care Act 2014 states that the Safeguarding Adults Board is the only body that can commission a SAR and it **must** arrange a SAR if:

- The case involves an adult in the Derbyshire area with care and support needs (whether or not the Local Authority was meeting those needs); and
- There is reasonable cause for concern about how the Safeguarding Adults Board, its members or other persons with relevant functions worked together to safeguard the adult.

AND

- The person died (including death by suicide) and the SAB knows or suspects that the death resulted from abuse or neglect (whether or not it knew about or suspected the abuse or neglect before the person died).

OR

The person is still alive, but the Safeguarding Adults Board knows or suspects that they have experienced serious abuse or neglect. The DSAB will only consider cases in its area in accordance with its obligations under s.44 of the Care Act 2014.

When to consider making a SAR referral

Any practitioner or manager may become aware of a serious incident or death which appears to meet the above SAR criteria. The first step is to discuss the circumstances with your safeguarding lead/manager so that they can decide whether a SAR referral should be made.

Your safeguarding lead may ask you to provide information for the SAR referral, or ask you to complete the referral form, but they will approve the content and submit it to the DSAB.

Making referrals to the Safeguarding Adult Reviews Sub-Group

A SAR referral can be made by any DSAB partner organisation via their safeguarding Lead or Board member. The referral should be made using the DSAB [SAR referral form](#), which should be submitted to the DSAB office, email DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk. On receipt of the SAR referral, the SAR Sub-Group Chair will screen the referral and, if required, arrange a meeting with the referrer for a follow up discussion.

If the referral does not evidence why the SAR criteria have been met, the SAR Sub-Group Chair may ask the referrer for additional information. If the referral does not provide sufficient information to justify consideration by the SAR Sub-Group, the referrer will be informed, and the case will not be considered by the SAR Sub-Group.

If the SAR criteria appear to have been met, the referral will be considered by the SAR Sub-Group at the group's next scheduled meeting, which are held quarterly. The referrer will be asked to attend the meeting to present the referral.

The SAR referrer will be notified of the outcome of the discussions and whether a SAR is commissioned.

Where to find information about SARs

The DSAB website has a [Safeguarding Adult Reviews page](#), which contains learning resources from Derbyshire SARs as well as the DSAB SAR protocol, and the SAR referral form.

The [National SAR library](#) contains SARs published by Safeguarding Adult Boards across the country.

- If you need any further information or support in relation to the SAR process or SAR referrals you can contact the DSAB Board team DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk re Act 2014.

Professional curiosity



Applying professional curiosity can help practitioners to identify the less obvious signs of abuse and neglect

Professional curiosity is looking, listening, asking questions, checking out information, and reflecting on information received. It means being curious and seeking clarity around a situation, bringing together information

from different sources to gain a better understanding of a person's circumstances and level of risk.

On our website you can download and read our [professional curiosity 7-minute briefing](#) and the [Have you thought about professional curiosity?](#) suite of resources from the Safeguarding Adults Boards Manager Network.

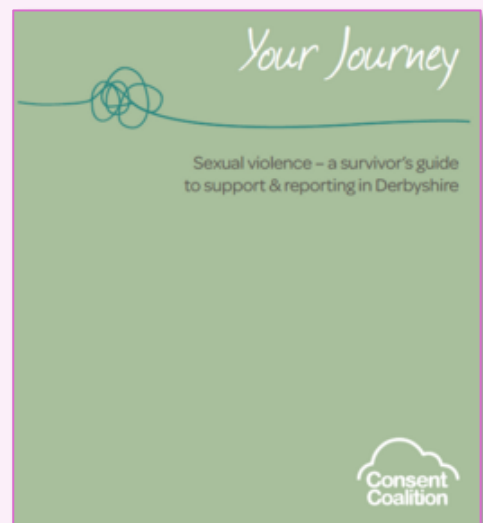
Your Journey – sexual violence: a survivor's guide to support and reporting

"Your Journey – sexual violence a survivor's guide to support and reporting" has been launched in Derbyshire

First launched in February 2020, *Your Journey* was written by Nottingham-based Consent Coalition, with input from survivors.

It gently looks at the decisions a person might make following an incident of sexual violence. This includes sections on:

- Specialist support services
- Decisions, choices and options
- Myth busting
- Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA)
- Reporting to the Police
- Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)
- Police investigations
- Criminal justice process
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The Derbyshire guide can be viewed, downloaded and printed from the [Consent Coalition](#) website or from the [Derbyshire Victim Services](#) website, which includes a flipbook version. This makes the guide easily found and accessed by all people, including survivors, their supporters and professionals.

The Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner made a [press release](#) about the launch of the Derbyshire *Your Journey* guide.

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:

- Lasting Power of Attorney and Advance Decision to refuse Treatment
- 39 Essex Chambers: Mental Capacity Act Resource Centre



Read [issue 9](#) of the Mental Capacity Act Sub-Group's newsletter

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](#)

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 abuse or neglected, please contact Call Derbyshire, tel: 01629 533190.

There are eight 'There is NO Excuse for Abuse' posters. They are available to download from the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website, www.derbyshiresab.org.uk



The next DSAB meeting is on 10th July 2025

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