



## Welcome to the newsletter of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board

### Issue 39

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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.

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

I have now reached the milestone of six months in role as Independent Chair for the Derbyshire SAB and I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome. Extra thanks go to Natalie, Paul and Adele as the 'DSAB team' who have answered all my (strange) questions and helped me to settle in.

I have now met most DSAB members either in person or virtually – at full Board, the joint Development Session or whilst observing sub-groups. I can see the commitment of everyone to work together to ensure effective safeguarding of adults in our area is a priority.

As well as all the work described in the Board update below, we have, with Derby Safeguarding Adults Boards colleagues, recently resumed the Joint Chairs Liaison Group for the leads of all partnerships/Boards whose remit includes a key focus on the safeguarding/wellbeing of adults and children within the county and city. This will assist us to compare priorities, understand local challenges and hopefully help avoid duplication.

I am pleased to share that in June 2025 I was appointed as Independent Scrutineer of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership. In the role I hope to help strengthen links between the existing Adults and Children's safeguarding arrangements locally.

Please do get in touch through the usual DSAB email with any comments or thoughts relating to the work of the DSAB. I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and, fingers crossed, that the sun continues to shine!



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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 July 2025**

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

- The Board welcomed attendance from Kara Gratton, Milford Care who is supporting the Board to improve links across the care home sector in Derbyshire.
- A safeguarding adult review report for SAR24A was presented to Board members. Board members agreed the report and findings and work is now underway to produce an action plan to show how the learning will be embedded.
- An update was provided by Derby and Derbyshire ICB in relation to structural changes within the organisation.
- Board members were made aware of the announcement for Healthwatch England and local Healthwatch organisations to be closed.
- The DSAB's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, one page summary and easy read version of the plan were shared with Board members.
- An update was provided on the work undertaken to respond to the recommendations made in a ministerial letter sent to safeguarding adults boards in relation to people who are homeless.
- The risk register was reviewed, and updates were agreed.
- Subgroup chairs provided updates on activity undertaken by their subgroup over the previous quarter and it was agreed following review of workplans that two subgroups, Learning and Development and Mental Capacity Act, would be disbanded.

- The Multiagency Adult Risk Management (MARM) annual report 2024-2025 was shared
- Safeguarding adult performance data was shared by Derbyshire County Council adult social care.

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## NEW - Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board strategic plan 2025- 2028



It is a statutory requirement of all safeguarding adults boards to produce and publish a strategic plan.

The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board's (DSAB) strategic plan for 2025-2028 outlines our vision and mission, and our three strategic priorities: **prevention**, **inclusion**, and **performance**. It also shares how we will measure the impact of the work we undertake, as well as providing information about the current governance structure in place for the DSAB.

Alongside the full strategic plan, a [one-page summary](#) and an [easy-read version](#) are also available. If you would like to receive any of this information in a different language, please contact the DSAB's office, email [DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk).

We would like to thank Derbyshire County Council Adult Social Care's Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Team (SECT) who co-produced the easy-read version with support from one of their ambassadors.

There is an action plan in place to support and inform the DSAB's subgroups of the priority areas of work required. The action plan will be regularly reviewed and updated by the DSAB. Each subgroup has its own business plan in place to outline how they will implement the plan and achieve its objectives, and these plans are reviewed quarterly.

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## NEW - Equality, diversity and inclusion, and safeguarding adults practice guidance

The [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults practice guidance](#) document now includes a new section about the importance of ensuring that there is due regard to equality, diversity, and inclusion throughout all safeguarding adults practice and activity.

In the guidance there is a checklist for practitioners and managers. The list provides areas for consideration when working with people from diverse communities and backgrounds.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) are fundamental principles when working to safeguard people from abuse and neglect.

Front line staff and managers across Safeguarding Adult Board partner agencies play a crucial role in ensuring that these principles are embedded in their practice to protect adults at risk effectively.



- Equality involves ensuring that every person has an equal opportunity to make the most of their lives. It means that no-one is disadvantaged because of their background or characteristics.
- Diversity acknowledges and values the full range of differences between people in the community, including race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, and religion.
- Inclusion ensures that all people feel respected, valued, and able to contribute fully to society.

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Practice Guidance document now includes a section about applying equality, diversity, and inclusion while safeguarding adults.

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## UPDATES - Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults practice guidance



The [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults practice guidance](#) document has been updated as follows:

1. The addition of **'Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (APVA)'** guidance (page 20)
2. The addition of guidance about **'Adults who disclose non recent abuse'** section (page 21)
3. The **vulnerable witness** guidance in the 'Involvement of Derbyshire Constabulary' section has been reviewed and updated (page 141)
4. The whole of the **'Working with the coroner'** section has been reviewed and updated (starting from page 211)

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## Survey for practitioners to complete regarding family/unpaid carers

Our survey regarding family/unpaid carers for practitioners and managers working in Derbyshire has been launched. We would be grateful if you could spare five to ten minutes completing the survey.

The feedback from practitioners will help us understand how confident and competent staff feel in recognising someone who is an informal/unpaid carer, and how to help them access support.



The feedback will be used to steer future Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board work and actions to inform and support practitioners in their roles.

Access the [survey for practitioners working in Derbyshire regarding family/unpaid carers](#)

The deadline for submitting responses is 31st July 2025.

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## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2025



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is on 15th June each year, and to mark the day this year, Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board hosted two webinars on 16th June 2025.

Training was delivered to raise awareness and support staff to recognise the signs of domestic abuse and sexual abuse of older people and learn about the support available locally. Ninety-eight staff members from across thirteen partner agencies received the training.

We want to thank our colleagues from [SV2](#), [The Elm Foundation](#), [NCHA Derbyshire Wish](#) and [Bambu](#) for their knowledge and experience of the subjects they delivered as part of the training on 16th June 2026

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## Trauma Informed Derbyshire online learning and resources



**Trauma Informed Derbyshire is the title of a programme of work being led by Derbyshire's Public Health department, to support and accelerate knowledge across the system about the impact of trauma across the life course.**

The vision is to build a trauma-informed workforce that is able to recognise the impacts of trauma and respond in ways that promote recovery – overall reduce inequalities and increase the life chances for all who reside and work in Derbyshire.

With an overarching aim that by being trauma-informed, we can better support those affected by trauma and champion the breaking of long-term cycles of deprivation, discrimination, and inequality.

Lizzie Watt, who is the Public health Lead for Trauma Informed Derbyshire, is delighted to share information about how to access the 3-part online **Trauma Informed Derbyshire – Foundation Learning**.

The learning is designed to be done individually or as a group – it is recommended to work through the modules in a group, where possible. There are many 'pause' moments where sharing thoughts will stimulate rich discussion. There is a 4<sup>th</sup> module which offers guidance for anyone leading group learning. It is recommended you do the 3 modules in order, but you are free to approach as suits you best. There is an accompanying workbook for each module which can be written into online or downloaded and printed.



“How long will each module take?” you may ask – that depends on how you approach this resource and how much time you have available. Each module plays as a video that lasts around an hour but is ‘chunked’ into bitesize sections. These allow for shorter learning sessions which, for example, could be added into your team meetings. The sections allow you to pause when you want to discuss things further or consider an issue of particular interest to your context.

- **Get started** – follow the instructions in the downloadable [step-by-step guide](#) that explains how to access the Learning Pathway. You will need to [create an account](#) to access the resource. Your account is your gateway to accessing the 3 modules and accompanying resources.
- **Share with your colleagues** – A [short trailer is available](#) to explain the resource.
- **Give your feedback** – completing the survey at the end of each module will really help with understanding the impact of this resource.
- **Remember** – you can dip into the 3 modules at any point and as often as you want. Your unique pathway will remember what you have completed to date and let you go backwards and forwards as often as you need.

Below are links to the resources that have been produced through the Trauma Informed Derbyshire programme of work.

Please feel **FREE TO SHARE** these with colleagues in your team or partners you work with in Derbyshire. These resources have been designed to be printed, which you might find easier to read. Please note, the Theory of Change is A3 size – it needs to be this large as there are a lots of words!

- [Trauma Informed Derbyshire \(abridged version\)](#)
- [Trauma Informed Derbyshire \(full version\)](#)
- [Trauma Informed Derbyshire Theory of Change](#)

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## Guidance to support implementation of the Mental Capacity Act in acute trusts for adults with a learning disability

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NHS England has published [guidance to support implementation of the Mental Capacity Act in acute trusts for adults with a learning disability](#).

This guidance supports trusts and community providers in enabling frontline staff to fulfil their legal requirements under the [Mental Capacity Act \(MCA\) 2005](#), specifically when supporting people with a learning disability.

The MCA provides the legal framework within which decisions can be made on behalf of a person aged 16 or over in England or Wales who lacks the capacity to make those decisions for themselves.

Capacity is both time and decision specific and should be assessed whenever there is a reason to doubt an individual’s ability to make a specific decision at a specific time.

Decisions about a person’s capacity are not based on their condition. Every effort must be made to support a person to be able to decide themselves whether to consent or not to treatment and care. This may mean making reasonable adjustments in assessing capacity for people with a learning disability; these can be crucial.

If a person is found to lack the capacity to make a specific decision in a specific timeframe, any decision made on their behalf must be in their best interests in line with the MCA. Any best interests decision must be properly recorded in the clinical notes.

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## Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Carers Sticker

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) visit thousands of homes each year, offering tailored fire safety advice to some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Many of the people they support rely on carers, friends, and family for assistance in their daily lives.

DFRS understand how busy carers can be, and that it may not always be possible to join them during their visits. To help make sure important fire safety information reaches everyone involved in caring for an individual, DFRS have developed a new initiative — the Carers Sticker.

You may notice the Carers Sticker displayed in the home of your friend or family member after DFRS have visited. DFRS's officers use these stickers to pass on essential fire safety advice and practical steps that carers can take to help keep their loved ones safe. The sticker also contains DFRS's contact information, making it easy to get in touch if you need further guidance or have any additional fire safety concerns.



In addition to home visits, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service also offers a free online [DIY Home Fire Safety Check](#), which takes just 15 minutes to complete. It's a simple and effective way to spot fire hazards and improve safety at home.

If you are concerned about someone you care for, please don't hesitate to contact DFRS. You can arrange a Safe and Well visit from one of our team members by contacting us directly on the numbers provided.

Together, we can help keep Derbyshire's most vulnerable residents safe from fire.

### Find out more:

Visit Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service's website for their latest [fire safety advice](#).

If you have any concerns relating to fire safety, call Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service directly on the numbers below to arrange an in-person Safe and Well visit.

- East Area Office [01246 223 500](tel:01246223500) [North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover and Amber Valley] email: [EastAreaAdmin@derbys-fire.gov.uk](mailto:EastAreaAdmin@derbys-fire.gov.uk)
- South Area Office [01332 777 850](tel:01332777850) [Derby City, South Derbyshire and Erewash] email: [SouthAreaAdmin@derbys-fire.gov.uk](mailto:SouthAreaAdmin@derbys-fire.gov.uk)

West Area Office [01298 608 720](tel:01298608720) [High Peak and Derbyshire Dales] email: [WestAreaAdmins@derbys-fire.gov.uk](mailto:WestAreaAdmins@derbys-fire.gov.uk)

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## 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](mailto:derbyshiredahelpline@theelmfoundation.org.uk)
- [Online](#)

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## Reporting 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**

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**[www.derbyshiresab.org.uk](http://www.derbyshiresab.org.uk)**

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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](http://www.derbyshiresab.org.uk)**



## The next DSAB meeting is on 9th October 2025

For queries or comments please contact:

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