



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.

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 the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) newsletter. This newsletter includes a number of important updates and resources designed to support frontline practice. These include refreshed guidance on hoarding and self-neglect, streamlined safeguarding adults practice guidance, and newly published organisational abuse guidance. Together, these resources strengthen our collective ability to recognise risk early, respond proportionately, and work together effectively to keep people safe. I would like to particularly draw your attention to the launch of our new Safeguarding Feedback Survey, which strengthens our commitment to listening to people with lived experience and using their feedback to improve safeguarding practice.



At this time as a Board, we are entering a period of change in our membership. I want to personally thank DSAB colleagues from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Chesterfield Royal Hospital who are leaving their roles this spring - see more on this in the article below. Their contributions to safeguarding adults across Derbyshire have been much appreciated over many years. Good luck to them all in the future!

I hope you enjoy this latest edition. As always, please get in touch with the Board office if you have any ideas for future articles or would like to submit an article or information for the next newsletter.

News from the Board

The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) meets every three months and the last meeting took place on 16th April 2026


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

- The Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) report for SAR25A was presented by the Independent Reviewer, Allison Sandiford. The Board agreed to sign off the report and recommendations
- The Board terms of reference were reviewed
- Safeguarding performance data from Quarter 3 2025-2026 was shared and discussed
- Progress made in year 1 of the 3 year strategic plan was presented and discussed
- A number of presentations to deliver assurance and updates were delivered by Derbyshire Probation, Derbyshire County Council Adult Social Care, Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Derbyshire County Council Public Health on topics including DoLS (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards), homelessness, and the Our Future Probation Service (OFPS) Programme
- Subgroup chairs provided a quarterly update

Goodbye and thank you to Board colleagues

Several colleagues across the partnership will be leaving their current roles during spring 2026. They are:

- Zoe Rodger-Fox, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Bill Nicol, Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board
- Tracy Burton Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board
- Michelle Grant, Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board
- Aaron Brown, Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board



Goodbye
and thank you

The Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) would like to offer sincere thanks for their support and valued contributions to the Board, subgroups and the wider safeguarding partnership.

Through their professionalism, collaboration and commitment, these colleagues have helped to strengthen safeguarding practice across Derbyshire. Their insight, experience and willingness to work constructively with partners have made a meaningful difference to our shared work and to the people we aim to support.

On behalf of the Board and partners, we thank them for their dedication and the important role they have played in safeguarding adults in Derbyshire.

Update on the MARM Hoarding Grant

Following discussions with funding partner agencies for the MARM Hoarding Grant, including Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Derbyshire County Council, a decision has been taken not to continue the grant into the 2026–2027 financial year.

The funding allocation for 2025–2026 has now been fully utilised, and as a result the MARM Hoarding Grant ceased on 1 April 2026.

It is important to note that this decision relates solely to the grant funding. The Multi-Agency Adult Risk Management (MARM) process itself remains fully in place and continues to operate as normal. There is no change to the role, purpose, or use of the MARM framework for supporting adults at risk, including those experiencing hoarding-related risks.

To continue supporting practitioners, the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board will maintain a list of potential funding streams that may be available to support people at risk of harm due to hoarding. This information will be made available on the [Multi-Agency Adult Risk Management page](#) of the DSAB website.

Please ensure that this update is shared with colleagues and teams who use or support the MARM process, so that everyone is aware of the current position regarding hoarding-related funding.

UPDATED - Multi-Agency Hoarding Framework (MAHF)



The [Derby and Derbyshire Multi-Agency Hoarding Framework \(MAHF\)](#) has been reviewed and refreshed.

The updated MAHF brings together in one place information to help you recognise hoarding concerns early and agree the right support.

It covers the risks, relevant legislation and safeguarding responsibilities, and includes practical tools (including Clutter Image Ratings), plus guidance on co-ordinating a multi-agency response.

Please take a look when you get a moment, and feel free to share this across your teams. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact the Derbyshire SAB office at derbyshiresab@derbyshire.gov.uk.

UPDATED - Self-Neglect Toolkit

The [Derby and Derbyshire Self-Neglect Toolkit](#) is a practical, multi-agency resource to support work with people who are at risk of harm through self-neglect or hoarding. It includes guidance on:

- Building trust and working at the person's pace
- Multi-agency roles and responsibilities
- Supporting people experiencing homelessness
- Legal and ethical frameworks
- A case-closure checklist to ensure all options have been explored



The toolkit has been updated to include a new section which focusses on supporting people who are homeless. Please take a look when you get a moment, and feel free to share this across your teams. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact the Derbyshire SAB office at derbyshiresab@derbyshire.gov.uk.

UPDATED - Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults practice guidance



The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Practice Guidance, which now includes two new pieces of guidance, has been streamlined to be much more user-friendly – with a clearer layout and a simplified table of contents for quicker navigation.

The new sections included are:

1. Cuckooing guidance
2. Fire risk assessment guidance

Please take some time to review the updated guidance and familiarise yourselves with these additions, particularly if they relate to your area of practice.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact the Derbyshire SAB office at derbyshiresab@derbyshire.gov.uk.

NEW - Organisational abuse guidance

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards have published new organisational abuse guidance. This important resource is designed to support everyone working with adults at risk across our partner agencies.

The guidance will help you to:

- Understand what organisational abuse is and how it develops
- Recognise key indicators, risk factors, and early warning signs
- Distinguish between quality concerns and safeguarding concerns
- Take clear, appropriate action using multi-agency safeguarding processes
- Promote safe, transparent, person-centred cultures across our services



Organisational abuse can occur in any setting, and preventing it is a shared responsibility. This new guidance strengthens our collective ability to keep people safe, uphold dignity, and respond effectively when concerns arise.

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the document and share it with your teams. If you have any questions or feedback, you can contact the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board at DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk.

New Safeguarding Feedback Survey Launched – From 1 April 2026

From 1st April 2026, Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) introduced a new safeguarding feedback survey to strengthen how adults' lived experiences inform and improve safeguarding practice across Derbyshire.

Listening to people who have experienced safeguarding support is central to *Making Safeguarding Personal*. The new process ensures adults are offered a clear opportunity to share feedback in a way that feels appropriate and safe for them. What people tell us will directly support learning, assurance, and service improvement across partner organisations.



From 1st April 2026, where an adult requests to give feedback, the DSAB office will issue the survey which is available in different languages and formats.

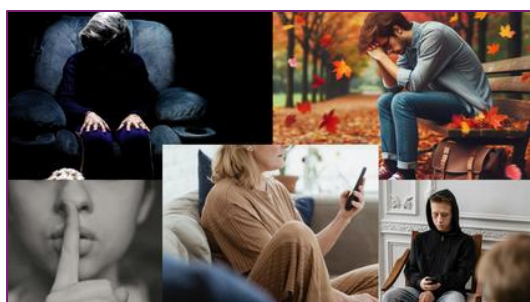
The safeguarding feedback survey is short, accessible, and designed to help adults reflect on:

- Whether they felt listened to and involved
- How safe they felt during the safeguarding process
- What worked well and what could be improved

Feedback will be analysed at a strategic level and used to inform safeguarding learning, quality assurance activity, and future developments.

This work supports Derbyshire's **Safeguarding Adults Commitment to People Sharing Their Lived Experience**, reinforcing our shared responsibility to listen, learn, and act on what people tell us.

Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline



The Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline, facilitated by The Elm Foundation, is a safe, welcoming, supportive place for any adult 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 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, www.derbyshiresab.org.uk



The next DSAB meeting is on 23rd July 2026

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