



# **Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) Strategic Plan 2019-2022**



## **Who are we?**

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

The DSAB is made up of key statutory and voluntary agencies in Derbyshire. There are three statutory partners to the DSAB;

- Derbyshire County Council Adult Care
- Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Derbyshire Constabulary

A full list of current DSAB partners can be found here:

<https://www.derbyshiresab.org.uk/about-us/membership.aspx>

The Chair of the DSAB is independent of all partners.

The Board has a dedicated Project Manager and business services support.

There is an expectation that Board members and partner organisations are held to account through the Board.

## **What do we do?**

The work of safeguarding adults boards (SABs) is now directed by legislation, namely The [Care Act 2014](#). The Act states that SABs must assure themselves that local safeguarding arrangements and partners are protecting adults in its area who:

- Have needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and;
- Are experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
- As a result of those care and support needs are unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or experience of abuse or neglect.

## **Safeguarding Adults Boards have the following core functions;**

- To publish an Annual Report detailing the activity of the Board over the previous year.
- To have in place a Strategic Plan
- To carry out Safeguarding Adults Reviews in accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act and share the learning widely.

The DSAB also has a wider remit with both a preventative and development focus on safeguarding adults.

- To work together to oversee, monitor and coordinate systems and services in their duties of prevention of harm and protection of adults with care and support needs
- To develop multi-agency safeguarding adults policies and procedures and monitor their implementation
- To provide multi-agency training in relation to safeguarding adults and be assured that staff in organisations access high quality training relevant to their role

- To oversee the continued development of services to empower and support people in Derbyshire to make their own choices and that any interventions are proportionate and the least intrusive response to the risk presented.
- To identify and highlight good practice and learning
- To raise awareness of safeguarding to the general public to create a safer community.
- To be accountable and transparent to professionals and the public by making the function and work of the Board accessible to all.
- To respectfully challenge each other to provide assurance around performance with regards to safeguarding adults with care and support needs.

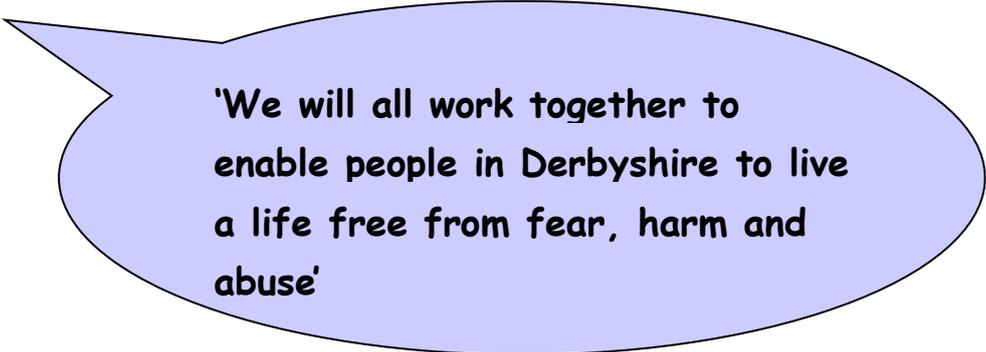
**The six principles of Safeguarding Adults are set out in the Care Act 2014 and each hold equal importance in the effective safeguarding of adults.**

<b>Empowerment</b>	People should be supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent
<b>Protection</b>	Support and representation for those in greatest need
<b>Prevention</b>	It is better to take action before harm occurs
<b>Proportionality</b>	The least intrusive response to the risk presented
<b>Partnership</b>	Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.
<b>Accountability</b>	Accountability and transparency in safeguarding practice.

The DSAB Strategic Plan 2019-2022 sets out the direction of the DSAB for the next three years.

More detailed information around how this will be achieved is included in the composite DSAB Business Plan which will be reviewed annually. The effectiveness of the DSAB will be reviewed and reflected upon in our annual report.

## The Vision of the DSAB:



**'We will all work together to enable people in Derbyshire to live a life free from fear, harm and abuse'**

*Our vision for people in Derbyshire also includes Derbyshire adults placed or living out of county and our cross-border responsibilities in line with our policies and procedures.*

To achieve this vision, we need to;

- put the individual and their support network (friends, family and advocates) at the centre of everything we do during the safeguarding process
- raise awareness about recognising and reporting abuse with both the public and professionals to promote the safeguarding adults agenda.
- develop preventative strategies to reduce the abuse and neglect of adults in Derbyshire.
- ensure that safeguarding adults is a shared responsibility of all organisations and agencies as multi-agency working is essential to effectively safeguard adults.
- continue to learn and improve the way we work with adults who have care and support needs and monitor the implementation of change.
- establish ways to collect, analyse and interpret data in relation to adult safeguarding in Derbyshire to increase the understanding of local safeguarding issues.
- have arrangements in place for self-audit and performance monitoring.
- develop and review multi agency policies and procedures in relation to safeguarding adults.

## Our Strategic Aims

The DSAB has three key strategic aims for 2019-2022 in line with our vision and values.

- **Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)**



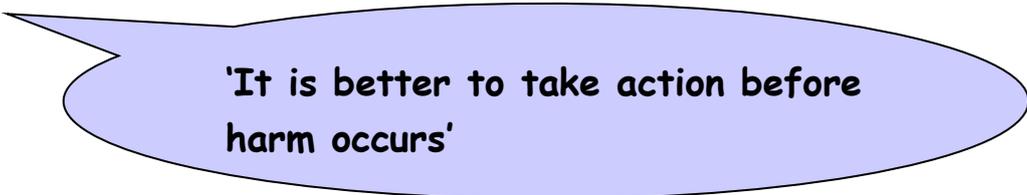
**'No decision about me without me'**

We must put the adult at the centre of everything we do. The focus should always be on listening, engaging and understanding what the adult wants to achieve and agreeing, negotiating and recording their desired outcomes, working with them to see how these can be realised and asking throughout and at the end of the process whether their expectations have been met.

Consultation with advocates, whether they are formal or informal is vital when an adult lacks capacity in order to still achieve MSP.

The DSAB will work to ensure all DSAB partners embed MSP into practice in a meaningful way and that the voice of people at risk of abuse and neglect influences practice in Derbyshire.

- **Prevention**



**'It is better to take action before harm occurs'**

It is important that both the public and professionals have access to clear information in a variety of mediums about abuse, neglect and safeguarding so that everyone understands how to recognise and report abuse and seek help. The DSAB will have a clear prevention strategy in place to demonstrate the work being undertaken and how success will be measured.

- **Quality Assurance**



**'Ensuring that all partners are taking their safeguarding duties seriously'**

The DSAB will develop and implement systems to assure itself that all partners have robust processes and arrangements in place to safeguard adults at risk in Derbyshire

We will seek assurance that the Board continues to be effective and is compliant with relevant legislation and best practice guidelines.

## **Governance**

The DSAB will develop its governance framework in line with Sub-Groups and Task and Finish groups, holding these groups to account for the development of work plans aligned to the DSAB Business Plan and taking account of the overarching strategic aims and objectives. This will give assurance and take note of any ongoing risk assessment.

The DSAB currently has in place seven sub-groups. Each group meets quarterly to support the Board in embedding its strategic plan and objectives. Each sub-group has a specific business plan relating to the three strategic priorities of MSP, Prevention and Quality Assurance and will report on progress at Board meetings via the sub-group chairs.

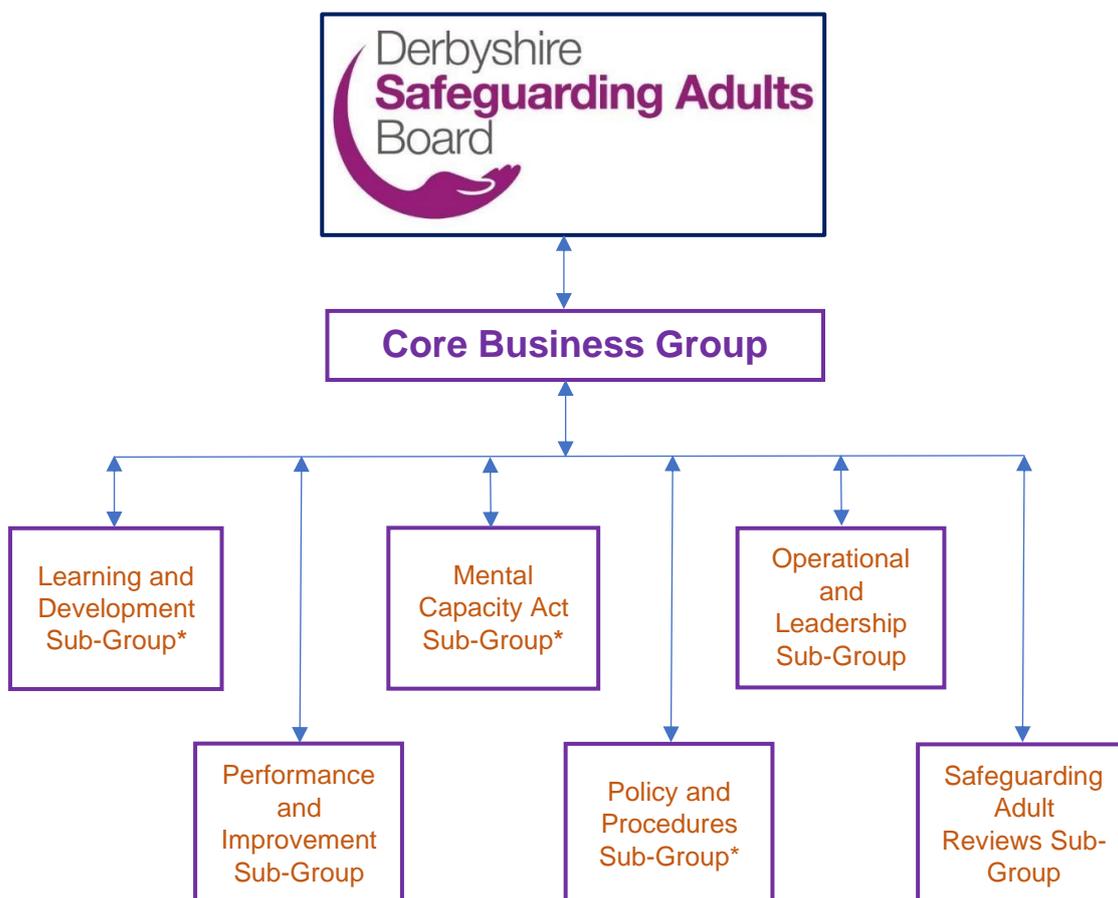
In July 2020 a new Policy and Procedures sub group commenced to allow for better and more timely multi agency scrutiny of SAB Policies, procedures and practice guidance.

There is also two long term DSAB working groups which focus on specific areas of safeguarding work.

- Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) Working Group
- Financial Abuse Working Group

This Strategic Plan and Annual Report is shared with the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Derbyshire County Council on a voluntary basis as the local authority has lead responsibilities for adult safeguarding across the County. There is also strong links in place with other partnership groups including the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (DDSCP).

\*indicates a joint sub-group with Derby SAB



## Equality and Diversity

The DSAB is committed to embedding the core values of equality and diversity in all safeguarding adults work. The following equality and diversity vision statement has been adopted by both the Derbyshire and Derby City Safeguarding Adults Boards.

*“Derby Safeguarding Adults Board and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board are committed to promoting equality. The SABs aspire to remove the barriers of institutional discrimination and oppression in Safeguarding Adults practice across the city and county. Safeguarding means protecting an adult’s right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. Safeguarding Adults is everybody’s business. Everybody is different and diversity will be celebrated and respected. Everybody will be treated fairly, with accessible information, advice and support to help stay safe and maintain control of their lives.”*

## COVID-19

COVID-19 has impacted on service development and provision and DSAB partner agencies are under an unprecedented amount of pressure. [The Coronavirus Act 2020](#) emergency legislation, (March 2020), allows for the ‘easement’ or suspension of a number of duties in the Care Act 2014, however, sections 42-45 of the Care Act 2014 which relate to safeguarding adults have not changed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-changes-to-the-care-act-2014/care-act-easements-guidance-for-local-authorities>

Safeguarding adults therefore remains a statutory duty of local authorities to keep adults from abuse or neglect. All services supporting adults with care and support needs should continue to offer the same level of safeguarding oversight and application.

The DSAB continues to seek assurance from partner agencies in relation to safeguarding adults in Derbyshire; a COVID-19 risk assurance plan is in place and it is regularly reviewed by DSAB Core Business group members and the full Board. This is an evolving situation and it is recognised that DSAB strategies and business plans may need to be reviewed to reflect the impact of COVID-19 but we are currently assured as a Board that the statutory functions of the DSAB are being met.

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