Welcome to the fifth edition of the County Durham Safeguarding Adults Inter-Agency Partnership Board’s Newsletter.

The local safeguarding adults board is a multi-agency statutory partnership with responsibility for monitoring the effectiveness of the arrangements to safeguard adults at risk of abuse. Click on our logo above for more info.

Spread the word...

We hope you like our new look newsletter, and we would like you to pass this onto others in your agency who work with adults and help us reach as many people as possible.

If you have a topic you would like us to showcase in future newsletters, please get in touch with the team. We would love to hear about any awareness raising events you have held, or important updates that would benefit others in the care sector.

Contact the Team

Understanding Safeguarding for Voluntary and Community Organisations Workshops

Wednesday 2nd October & Wednesday 4th December
10.30am-12.30pm

Durham Community Action are running an ‘Understanding Safeguarding for Voluntary and Community Organisations’ workshop.

9 St Stephen’s Court, Low Willington, Co. Durham. DL15 0BF

This training is for trustees and leaders/managers of voluntary and community sector organisations.

The practical session covers:
- The importance of having a safeguarding policy
- Understanding your responsibilities for safeguarding within your organisation
- What to include in your safeguarding policy

To book your place please click:
- October
- December

Places cost £25.00 per person

If you require more information, please telephone 01388 742040 or email info@durhamcommunityaction.org.uk

Cyber Fraud and Scamming guide

This new guide to the major scams that the population faces online, and tips on spotting and preventing fraud. It also outlines what to do if you are a target of fraud yourself.

View guide

Coming up...

7-13th October

Royal Blind

Visit site
Supporting the Provider Market (STPM) is a Durham County Council led project team who work closely with care providers and partners across the health and social care system to improve services / support and promote market stability and sustainability. The main areas of STPM work include supporting providers with: recruitment and selection, training and development, proactive interventions, technology and innovation and their interfaces with the social care and health system.

Examples of work to date include:
- Support with rolling out the new Health Call IT system, which is now live in 11 Care Homes. The system allows care homes to carry out medical observations on residents and submit the information to health care teams electronically. Health Call promotes timely action on issues; provides reassurance for care homes, residents and families; and saves time for nursing staff and care homes alike;
- Free access for all providers to ‘SCILS’ online training, training courses in areas such as Falls, Infection Prevention and Control, Sepsis, Namaste and the NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit;
- Two cohorts of County Durham Care Academy recruits undertaking a dedicated training programme designed to equip them with the skills to work in the care sector and the opportunity for an interview with a provider;
- Developing services, processes and communications to support effective discharges, including the Brokerage Service which supports people in Hospital who need a long-term residential care placement and Short-Term Assistance Service (STAS) that supports people who need emergency or short-term domiciliary care;
- There have also been four editions of the STPM bimonthly provider newsletter Guidance and Practice (GAP) Bulletin;
- Promotion of values-based recruitment to Providers.

Please email ahssupportingproviders@durham.gov.uk if you would like to know more about the project and opportunities for Providers.