Welcome to the sixth 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.

Good Practice Toolkit for Collaborative Working and Information Sharing

The multi-agency safeguarding partnerships in County Durham recognise the importance of sharing relevant and proportionate information to safeguard adults. Sometimes practitioners can lack confidence about when they should share information and whether they need consent to do so.

County Durham SAB has revised the Good Practice Toolkit on Collaborative Working and Information Sharing between Professionals to protect Adults, to accompany the Information Sharing Agreement drawn up between the LSAB partners.

Everyone working with adults at risk of abuse and neglect has a responsibility to familiarise themselves with their own organisation’s procedures and guidelines.

Frontline Practitioner Survey

The Durham Safeguarding Adults Board have launched a survey aimed at understanding those who work in frontline services.

Engaging with a broad range of professionals and adults is just one part of the Board’s commitment to ensuring effective safeguarding arrangements exist in Durham.

To access and complete the survey, please click on the link:

Complete Survey

Safeguarding Week 18-24 November

County Durham Safeguarding Adults Board and Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership are holding a joint safeguarding week.

Wednesday 20th November

We will have stallholders at County Hall who will be able to offer information and advice on a range of subjects.

A number of speakers will be joining us at County Hall to talk about a variety of subjects related to safeguarding.

For more information, visit our website
Spotting the signs of acquired brain injury in adults: top tips

A recent Community Care article is about the hidden disability, Acquired Brain Injury. Adults with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) may present as people with difficulties in behaviour, concentration or learning. Low insight, poor memory and impulsivity contribute to people with ABI being susceptible to financial abuse and ‘mate’ crime.

The stresses that ABI places on the individual and their family in combination with less flexible thinking and reduced self-control can lead to physical aggression to and from others.

The article includes useful references including on Mental Capacity Act assessments and frontal lobe damage.

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World Mental Health Day

10th October

If you held an awareness-raising event, we would like to hear about it!