



Welcome to the latest 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.

County Durham Safeguarding Week 2020

County Durham Safeguarding Week 2020 took place from 16 to 20 November.

There were a number of new briefings circulated:

- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Making Safeguarding Personal – what it means to our partners
- Cuckooing
- Safeguarding in Sport
- Easy Read Safeguarding Adults Resources

These complimented previous SAB briefings on:

- Self-neglect
- Domestic abuse and Safeguarding Adults

These can be found on our website page [Good Practice Guidance for Professionals](#)



Mencap Free Training

Being safe online – Free internet safety training

The internet is useful in many ways, however, sometimes there can be risks and dangers, such as stolen personal data and cyber bullying.

People with a learning disability are especially at risk of being hurt, so to tackle this, the SafeSurfing project created its own internet safety training.

SafeSurfing was a two-year European project, started in October 2014 and led by Inclusion Europe and other learning disability organisations including Mencap from the UK, PSOUU from Poland, ANFFAS from Italy, and FEAPS from Spain.

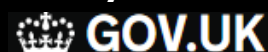
They provided training on data protection and staying safe online to people with learning disabilities. The training consists of five modules and other additional resources.

Mencap have made these modules and resources available for free download, visit their website for details.

[Visit Mencap Website](#)



Guidance on handling safeguarding allegations in a charity



The government has produced a tool to help charities handle safeguarding concerns about an employee or volunteer.

This tool is designed to help you handle your safeguarding concerns about a charity employee or volunteer. Not all questions are relevant to all users and if you have a person with responsibility for safeguarding in your charity, you should refer your concerns to them in the first instance as they have responsibility for ensuring a charity's safeguarding policy is adhered to. The handling process and required actions may involve more than one person in your charity.

The tool will help you contact the right people and agencies with the right information. It will not make referrals on your behalf and it is the role of social workers and the police to investigate cases and make a judgement on whether there should be a statutory intervention and/or a criminal investigation.

[Visit Safeguarding Culture - Guidance on handling allegations in a charity](#)

Stop Romance Fraud

A practical guide to awareness raising and preventing about romance fraud has been produced by Thames Valley Police

[romance-fraud-ebook v3.pdf \(thamesvalley.police.uk\)](#)



Stop Loan Sharks – free training January onwards

One hour training sessions from the Illegal Money Lending Team

[Stop Loan Sharks page on Eventbrite](#)

STOP LOAN SHARKS
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Merry Christmas from all of us

Season's Greetings

From the Safeguarding Adults Board
With best wishes for 2021



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