



Welcome to the sixteenth edition of the Durham Safeguarding Adults 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.

News from Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership

Upcoming Safeguarding Adults online courses in 2022

Dates for our training courses can be accessed using the links below.

- [Raising a Concern](#)
- [Managing a Concern](#)
- [Roles and Responsibilities for Practitioners](#)
- [Roles and Responsibilities for Providers](#)
- [Mental Capacity Act and Safeguarding](#)
- [Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding](#)

Coming soon – watch this space
Modern Slavery Workshops

Submitting a SAR referral and what good looks like



Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership

New on Safeguarding Durham Adults Website

DSAP Video – About Us

This short video explains who Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership is and what it does to support adult safeguarding. [About Us Video](#)

The video is available to show in public and reception areas' visual displays. If you would like to use it in your organisation, please contact the Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership Business Unit for details. Email SABBusinessUnit@durham.gov.uk



Durham Safe Accommodation Strategy

Victims of domestic abuse should have access to Safe Accommodation that is of the highest quality and is provided with the needs of the specific user group at its heart.

The County Durham and Darlington Safe Accommodation Strategy 2021 to 2024 is a joint strategy that sets out how both local authorities will meet the needs of victim survivors of domestic abuse, for residents of County Durham and Darlington and for those who come from outside the local area. The strategy will support the commissioning of a range of appropriate support services.

[Safe accommodation - our strategy - Durham County Council](#)



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Domestic Abuse Navigator Service

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The Domestic Abuse Navigator (DAN) Service, provided by Foundation, offers support for women domestic abuse victim survivors with complex needs.



[Complex Needs and Domestic Abuse Navigator Service | Durham](#)
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Revisiting Safeguarding Practice



In January 2022 the Department of Health and Social Care published an independent briefing Revisiting Safeguarding Practice to support increased consistency in a person-centred response.

[Revisiting safeguarding practice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

One year on from Out of Sight – what's changed? CQC report



The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published a follow-on to its report Out of Sight – Who Cares to assess progress on its recommendations. The CQC reports:

Key findings:



- The health and care system has taken action to understand the needs of people with a learning disability and autistic people in inpatient units
- It has also made a commitment to increase the range of community support available to help prevent hospital admissions

However,

- The commitment around increasing community support needs to be converted into real change
- Commissioning the right support and services for people with a learning disability and autistic people is not happening quickly enough
- People are still being placed in services which are not able to give them the right care

Overall, we found that more progress must be made in reducing restraint, segregation and seclusion and the fundamental change in approach needed to tackle this has not yet been translated into care settings. We also found that COVID-19 has had an undoubtable effect on delaying progress in this area.

[One year on from Out of Sight – what's changed? | Care Quality Commission \(cqc.org.uk\)](https://www.cqc.org.uk)



This CQC blog gives more details

[A year on — Progress update on 'Out of sight — Who Cares?' review into restraint, seclusion and segregation | by Care Quality Commission | Dec, 2021 | Medium](#)

Human Rights Act consultation



Ministry of Justice

The government proposes to revise and replace the Human Rights Act 1998 with a Bill of Rights. Upholding human rights underpins much safeguarding adults work and use of the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

The consultation closed on the 8 March 2022. Extension until 19 April can be requested for those who use assisted technologies to respond.



The full consultation paper along with the responses link is on

[Human Rights Act Reform: a Modern Bill of Rights - Ministry of Justice - Citizen Space](#)