



Welcome to the Eleventh 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



Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership, which is the statutory Local Safeguarding Adults Board for County Durham, has a new logo to better reflect its partnership approach.



**Durham
Safeguarding Adults
Partnership**

The **Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)** was welcomed as a new member of the Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership for 2021.



Department
for Work &
Pensions

The fifth Annual Report for 2019/20 was published along with the accompanying Annual Report on a Page, and Annual Report Easy Read. The Annual Report outlines some of the work carried out in the year 2019-2020 and notes plans for the future. The suite of Annual Reports will be on the website, visit [About us - Durham Safeguarding Adults \(safeguardingdurhamadults.info\)](https://safeguardingdurhamadults.info)



Support for practitioners was increased with the development of a new approach to specific themes and areas of practice via a Practitioner Newsflash. The most recent in the series is about Speaking Out or Whistleblowing; this and future issues will be cascaded widely to partners and where appropriate go on the website: [Training - Durham Safeguarding Adults \(safeguardingdurhamadults.info\)](https://safeguardingdurhamadults.info)



The **Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership** held its annual January development event with a focus on making connections and supporting people to remain as safe as they can. Watch this space.



Review of coercion and controlling behaviour (CCB) offence



Home Office

The Home Office has reviewed the coercion and controlling behaviour (CCB) offence, to understand how it has been used since its introduction in 2015. The review, published in March 2021, found that the number of coercion and controlling behaviour offences recorded by police has increased from 4,246 in 2016/17 to 24,856 in 2019/20. In 2019 1,112 people were prosecuted for the offence.

A key message of the review is that despite the increase in reports, coercion and controlling behaviour is still likely to be very underreported and under recorded.

The Crime Survey for England and Wales data on domestic violence suggests that only one in five cases is reported and the review finds it likely that CCB is unreported by a similar amount.



The review finds that there is a need to understand, identify and evidence coercion and controlling behaviour.

[Review of the controlling or coercive behaviour offence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-the-controlling-or-coercive-behaviour-offence)

Care and safety for people with a learning disability and / or people who are autistic



NHS England has worked with people with a learning disability and people who are autistic and their families to produce guidance on monitoring the quality of care and safety for people with a learning disability and / or people who are autistic in mental health inpatient care. The guidance focuses on accessibility and communication, and includes things to consider before, during, and after a visit.



The guidance is based on the principles of the existing NHS England and NHS Improvement initiative [Ask Listen Do](#)

[NHS England » View guidance](#)

Women's Aid dedicated service for professionals

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until women & children are safe

On International Women's Day, 8 March, Women's Aid launched a [dedicated service for professionals](#) currently working with survivors of domestic abuse seeking refuge accommodation and support.

The service can provide the latest information on vacancies in refuges, and availability of other Violence Against Women and Girls' services including outreach, drop-ins, counselling services and advocacy projects.



[Dedicated service for professionals - Women's Aid](#)