



**Durham  
Safeguarding Adults  
Partnership**

# DSAP Newsletter December 2021



## Welcome to the fifteenth 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.

[L1 Raising a Concern](#)

[L2 Managing a Concern](#)

[L3 Roles and Responsibilities for Practitioners](#)

[L3 Roles and Responsibilities for Providers](#)

[Mental Capacity Act and Safeguarding](#)

[Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding](#)

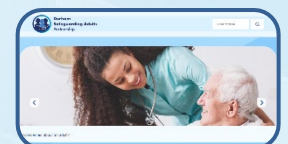


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### New on Safeguarding Durham Adults Website

Updates made to the Skin Damage Toolkit

[Skin Damage Toolkit](#)



## Safeguarding Week 2021

County Durham Safeguarding Week took place from 15 to 19 November

### There were a number of subjects covered:

- Engaging Motivation
- Understanding the Mental Capacity Act
- Understanding Safeguarding for Voluntary and Community Organisations
- Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA)
- SAR Referrals and Local and National Emerging Themes
- The Importance of Advocacy
- Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP)
- Safeguarding Adults for Family Carers
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Dependent Drinkers Workshop



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ACTION**



Better for everyone

### These were complemented with links signposting to previous Safeguarding Week publications:

[DSAP Posters](#)

[My Story film](#)

[DSAP Domestic Abuse Briefing](#)

[DSAP Self-Neglect Briefing](#)

[DSAP Cuckooing Briefing](#)

### These can be found on our website

[Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership](#)

## Tricky Friends – Take three minutes



'Tricky Friends' a three-minute animation developed to help people to understand what good friendships are, when they might be harmful, and what they can do. It aims to raise awareness of issues like exploitation, county lines and home incursion (cuckooing).



**Watch on Youtube – Tricky Friends**

## Support for unpaid Carers who want to stay safe online

Durham County Carers Support are the local charity supporting unpaid family Carers across County Durham. They have a new project called "Connecting Carers" that aims to overcome the challenges to Carers of all ages who want to get online but keep alert to scams.



Alison Dixon the Project Worker says "We are supporting Carers who have never used a device as well as those who need funding to get the equipment. We are then offering one to one and group support which is informal and fun. More Carers need to access online platforms to keep in touch and informed at this challenging time due to the pandemic"



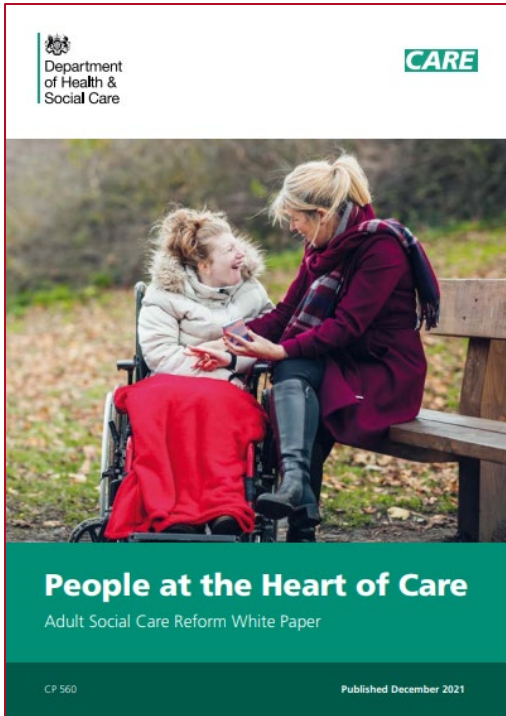
Help is available with keeping safe whilst shopping, banking, using social media and smart devices. By supporting the Carers we also support them to keep the person they care for safe who is often vulnerable. For more information on the project contact Alison Dixon on 0191 500 6031 or Email [alison.dixon@dccarers.org](mailto:alison.dixon@dccarers.org)

## Merry Christmas from all of us





# New Quality Assurance Board



**Durham County Council** has established a new Quality Assurance Board to drive improvement across the Adult and Health Service, the newly formed Board will be used to support the Council's response to the new government white paper **Heart of Care: adult social care reform**.

[View Heart of Care: adult social care reform on gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/white-papers/heart-of-care-adult-social-care-reform)

The white paper sets out a 10-year vision and provides information on funded proposals that all local authorities will be required to implement over the next 3 years. It also includes a new duty for the independent regulator Care Quality Commission (CQC) to review and assess the performance of local authorities in delivering their adult social care functions.

**The changes will impact everyone from those working in the sector, to existing service users, and anyone who might require care in the future.**



**In 2020-21 around 840,000 people in England received long-term care support from their local authority. Of these, around 290,000 were between 18 and 64 years old.**

The Government's vision is to make sure that adult social care in England is fit for the future and fairer for everyone. So, that everyone receives the care they need, when they need it, to live the life they want to.



**The Government wants to ensure that:**

- Everyone has choice, control and support to live independently
- Everyone can access outstanding quality and tailored care and support
- Everyone finds adult social care fair and accessible.



**The Quality Assurance Board will be instrumental in driving improvement across the service in conjunction with all key partners and stakeholders and supporting staff to meet the new challenges ahead.**