



DSAP Newsletter

December 2022



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.

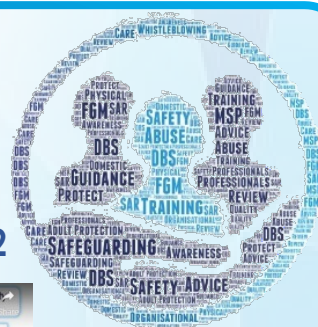
News from Durham

Safeguarding Adults Partnership

Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership Annual Reports 2021 to 2022

As in previous years there is a suite of reports including:

- The main [Annual Report](#) which plays as a film
- [Annual Report on a Page](#)
- [An easy read Annual Report](#)

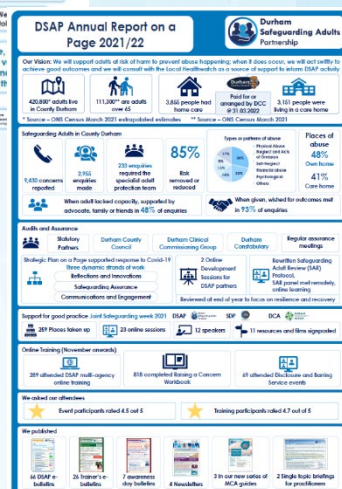


Highlights from the Reports:

- There were 9,430 safeguarding adults concerns reported to Durham County Council Social Care Direct;
- From those, 2,955 safeguarding adults enquiries were made;
- In 85% of enquiries the risk was removed or reduced;
- In 93% of enquiries where people said what they wanted to happen in relation to the safeguarding situation their outcomes were fully or partially met.

The Reports are available on the website on page

<http://www.safeguardingdurhamadults.info/article/18022/About-us->



Safeguarding Adults multi-agency training offer

With target audiences, booking details, and dates to end March 2023

<http://www.safeguardingdurhamadults.info/article/18072/Training>



New on our website

Briefing about the use of professional curiosity

Professional curiosity pdf

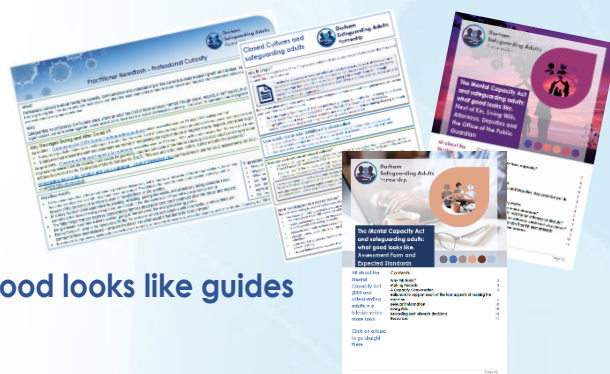
Closed Cultures and safeguarding adults briefing

Closed Cultures and safeguarding adults pdf

The Mental Capacity Act and safeguarding adults: What good looks like guides

Capacity Assessment pdf

[Next of kin, Attorneys and Deputies pdf](#)



Season's Greetings

From the Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership
With best wishes for 2023



**Durham
Safeguarding Adults
Partnership**

What to do about self-neglect

The North East region of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, (NE ADASS) launched a film during Safeguarding Adults Week 2022 to raise public awareness of self-neglect and what can be done to support those experiencing self-neglect.

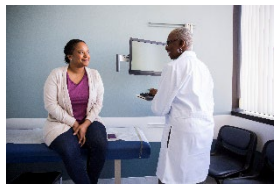


[What to do about self-neglect - YouTube](#)

directors of
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adult social services
North East

Who I am Matters

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has produced a report into the experiences of being in hospital for people with a learning disability and



autistic people. The CQC visited eight hospitals and found that despite pockets of good practice, in the main people were not getting the quality of care and treatment we would all expect for our loved ones. Six years after the death of Oliver McGowen, being in hospital continues to be an equality issue and critical patient safety issue. For the report and an easy read report visit:

[Experiences of being in hospital for people with a learning disability and autistic people - Care Quality Commission \(cqc.org.uk\)](https://www.cqc.org.uk)

 **Care Quality
Commission**

Eyes Wide Open



**Did you know: two or three breaths of toxic smoke and you're unconscious?
Don't drown in toxic smoke - Test your smoke alarm today**

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) offer Eyes Wide Open, 40-minute training on fire safety for staff and volunteers who go into people's homes. It was one of the sessions delivered during **Safeguarding Adults Week**. To arrange a training session for your team contact Sarah Litt, Community Safety Team Leader and Designated Safeguarding Officer at CDDFRS

Mobile: 07834 52 59 51

Email: sarah.litt@ddfire.gov.uk

County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Service



"Really informative,
thank you"





At least 1 in 4 women, 1 in 20 men, and 1 in 6 children have experienced sexual violence sometime in their life. In County Durham that would mean 67,000 women and 13,000 men. Therefore survivor support is vital.

RSACC offers

- a confidential telephone support line;
- free one to one specialist counselling,
- an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Service to support survivors considering or reporting their abuser to the police (we have ISVAs for older people, younger people, LGBTQ+ people and those with learning disabilities),
- a number of peer support groups
- and offer specialist training to professionals.



This year alone RSACC has supported over 700 survivors, aged from 13 years upwards. Our counsellors are specifically trained in supporting sexual violence survivors who will often experience years, if not decades, of trauma before they reach out to us.

If you would like to know more, please go to

RSACC offers free confidential counselling and support to survivors who have experienced any form of sexual violence – RSACC (rsacc-thecentre.org.uk)



Working definition of trauma-informed practice

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities published new guidance in November on trauma-informed approaches for practitioners working in the health and care sector.



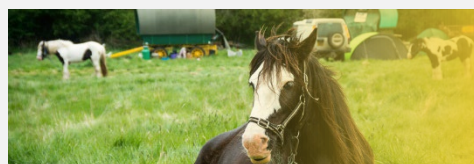
Office for Health
Improvement
& Disparities



The guidance sets out a working definition for trauma-informed practice and includes key practice principles.

Working definition of trauma-informed practice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Tackling Suicide Inequalities in Gypsy and Traveller Communities



New Report



**FRIENDS,
FAMILIES &
TRAVELLERS**



Gypsy and Traveller communities are nearly three times more likely to be anxious than others, and just over twice as likely to be depressed

Friends, Families and Travellers, in collaboration with the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, has produced a report on tackling suicide inequalities in Gypsy and Traveller communities, guidance on inclusion in suicide prevention plans, and good practice examples.



New report on tackling suicide inequalities in Romany and Traveller communities released - Friends, Families and Travellers (gypsy-traveller.org)

