

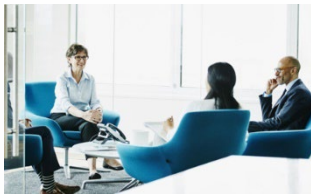


**Welcome to the twentieth edition of the Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board's Newsletter.**

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

## The DSAP Information Sharing Agreement



This has been reviewed and updated. Sharing relevant and proportionate information is important in safeguarding adults. Sometimes practitioners can lack confidence about when they should share information and whether they need consent to do so. The Agreement and the toolkit that accompanies it (under review) help support decision-making.

- [Information Sharing Agreement.](#)

## Safeguarding Adults multi-agency training offer

There are new dates and courses from April 2023

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



## New on our website

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

- [MCA 2005 The Act and Court of Protection](#)
- [MCA 2005 Best Interests Decision Making](#)
- [MCA 2005 Assessment form and standards](#)



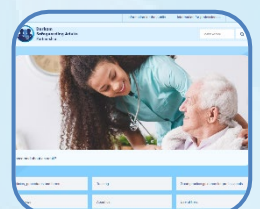
All on webpage: <http://www.safeguardingdurhamadults.info/article/18076/Good-practice-guidance-for-professionals>

## Durham's multi agency domestic abuse training offer

A range of domestic abuse training offered by Durham County Council for organisations in County Durham can be accessed via the DSAP training page. The training includes

- **Domestic Abuse Practitioner Standards Level 1 Basic Awareness**
- **Cyber Stalking and Domestic Abuse**
- **Halo - Break the Silence:** to increase knowledge and raise awareness of forced marriage, honour-based abuse, and female genital mutilation (FGM)

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## What to do about self-neglect

The North East region of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (NE ADASS) webinar 'What to do about self-neglect - learning from best practice' is available on YouTube. The key speakers were Jo Cavalot from Hoarding UK, Mike Ward from Alcohol Change, Professor Michael-Preston Shoot from the University of Bedfordshire and Professor Emeritus Suzy Braye from the University of Sussex.



directors of  
**adass**  
adult social services  
North East

[North East ADASS - YouTube](#)

The webinar also launched the animation What to do about self-neglect as featured in our last DSAP newsletter. The Durham version of the animation is on

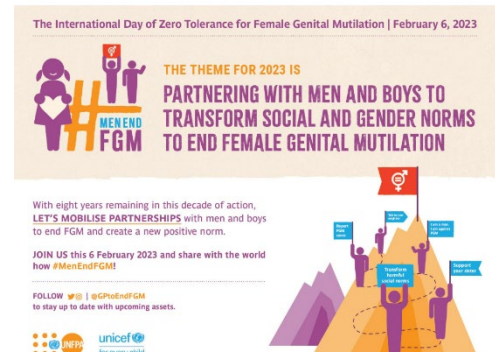
<http://www.safeguardingdurhamadults.info/article/18027/What-is-abuse->

Remember the DSAP Hoarding Toolkit which includes the Clutter image rating tool, also available as a stand-alone document.

<http://www.safeguardingdurhamadults.info/article/18076/Good-practice-guidance-for-professionals>

## International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM

unicef   
for every child



The 2023 International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM was on 6 February with a theme of partnering with men and boys to transform social and gender norms to end female genital mutilation (FGM). It is 12 years since the International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM was established with a target of elimination by 2030. In many countries and societies men and boys are playing an important part in tackling FGM.

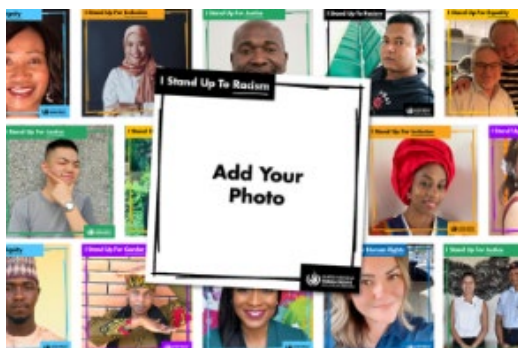


For a poster of key messages and dos and don'ts in English, French, and Arabic visit <https://www.unicef.org/documents/international-day-zero-tolerance-female-genital-mutilation-2023>

## International day for the elimination of racial discrimination



United Nations



This important day on 21 March is often known as International Day Against Racism. It is an opportunity to empower and welcome people from all cultures, and to reflect on your organisation's anti-discrimination policies and practices and ensure they support the recognition of discrimination and of discriminatory abuse.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>



Discriminatory abuse is one of the types and patterns of abuse illustrated in the Care and Support Statutory Guidance but is the least recognised and reported, despite people with disabilities being twice as likely to be abused as people with no disabilities.

[Care and Support Statutory Guidance](#)



## Transitional Safeguarding in Health



Transitional Safeguarding is a concept developed by Research in Practice to highlight the need to improve the safeguarding response to adolescents and young adults, in a way that recognises the specific safeguarding risks and the dynamic developmental needs that this age group experience.

research  
in practice



Transitional Safeguarding in Health is a collation of resources including Transitional Multi-agency Reviews on the Padlet platform. [Transitional Safeguarding in Health \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com)

## ONS publishes data on domestic abuse survivors over 74



Office for  
National Statistics

In 2021 the ONS removed the upper age limit of 74 on data collection for domestic abuse survivors for the England and Wales Crime Survey 2022. Before this the survey only reported on domestic abuse for 16 to 74 year-olds. Comparative data over time is only reported about people aged 16 to 59 due to previous age limits.

The survey shows the prevalence of domestic abuse as 2.1% in adults over 74, and 3.3% for adults aged 60 to 74, which are significantly lower than younger age groups. [The report cautions about use of the data due to quality and other variables].



Domestic homicide data which does include those over 74 finds that nearly 20% of domestic homicide victims are aged 70 or over and are as likely to be killed by an adult child, usually a son, as by an intimate partner. [www.ons.gov.uk](https://www.ons.gov.uk) - Crime in England and Wales

## Home Office Standards for Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Interventions

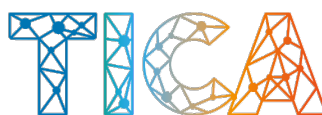


Home Office

The Home Office Standards for Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Interventions, published in January 2023, are about good practice in commissioning and delivering intervention programmes. There are seven standards, with the underlying evidence and practice guidelines for each standard. While there is a focus on intimate partner violence they do cover family domestic violence. The principles could be relevant for anyone working with an adult with needs for care and support who is abusive to their partner or family member.

"Work with perpetrators of domestic abuse has the potential to increase harm to survivors if not conducted safely" **Respect** [Standards for domestic abuse perpetrator interventions - \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

## Trauma-Informed Care - Open Narrative System



Trauma  
Informed  
Community  
of Action

Collating positive practice examples for the trauma-informed community of action. The Open Narrative System:

- calls for good practice case studies
- offers case studies for you to access

There are three current themes with positive practice examples in each:

- structure – what services chose to deliver, what is commissioned;
- process – the use of language to describe things, the way services are delivered, and engagement;
- interpersonal - the relationships within and between services and with the people who engage with services for support.



<http://opennarrativesystem.co.uk/cms.php?siteID=10>

## Save the dates



This year:

**Safeguarding Adults Week 2023** starts on Monday 20 November

**16 Days of action against domestic violence** starts on Friday 25 November