



**Welcome to the twenty-first 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

## Managing Professional Differences – new procedure

[Managing Professional Differences \(safeguardingdurhamadults.info\)](http://safeguardingdurhamadults.info)

## Safeguarding Adults training dates and courses to end March 2024

There are new dates and courses from April 2023

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



## New on our website

### Self-Neglect 7 Minute Briefings

The North East SAR Champions have developed a series of briefings on self-neglect

- [Self-Neglect – Overview](#)
- [Self-Neglect – Alcohol and Substance Misuse](#)
- [Self-Neglect – Engagement](#)
- [Self-Neglect – Hoarding](#)
- [Self-Neglect – Homelessness](#)
- [Self-Neglect – Self-Care](#)
- [Self-Neglect - Trauma](#)



**North East SAR Champions**

## Save the Dates: Safeguarding Week 2023

The County Durham Safeguarding Week 2023 will run from Monday 20 November and will be a joint event with Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership.

The Ann Craft Trust has identified key themes for the Week with the overall theme focused on safeguarding yourself and others.

## Safeguarding Adults Week 2023 Key Themes – Safeguarding Yourself and Others - Ann Craft Trust

**Safeguarding  
Adults Week 2023**  
Monday 20 – Friday 24 November  
#SafeguardingAdultsWeek

ann craft trust  
setting against abuse





## A message from the DSAP Independent Chair

I'm delighted that I've been asked to contribute to our DSAP newsletter on a regular basis. It's a way of enabling me to keep in touch with the very busy world of adult safeguarding and having a platform to thank everyone involved in supporting and caring for vulnerable people who are at risk of abuse and/or neglect.

As we move from winter to springtime it's a good opportunity to reflect on new opportunities and a chance for us to refresh a lot of the work we do on an ongoing basis. Seasons change but we are sometimes so busy that time can seem to run away from us, before we know it we're back to preparing for

another winter feeling that we haven't really benefitted from the warmer weather and being able to spend time outdoors in an attempt to recharge our batteries. So, if I can encourage people to do one thing, it would be to grab a lightweight coat some sturdy footwear and take a walk on a regular basis, it doesn't have to be a long one, just taking some time to feel closer to nature can help us massively in our busy, digitally laden, information packed, world.

In a similar vein, spring- time for our safeguarding partnership has involved us completing a lot of our scheduled work, including Safeguarding Adults Reviews, collating the learning from them as well as refreshing our strategic plans for the forthcoming year. We have also recently completed an audit on safeguarding referrals, responses, completion of relevant summaries and onward recommendations for safeguarding interventions. As always, I was pleased to be able to participate directly and see first-hand some of the life challenges faced by those people in need of support as well as staff and partners who work hard to protect them. Our training section have continued to deliver some very worthwhile professional development opportunities in a variety of ways and there are plans in place to further enhance the knowledge and skills of those people working in safeguarding with some new topics relevant to safeguarding practice. The next three months will see me continuing to deliver face to face training on Toxic Cultures (part one) as well as completing the development of a second course which offers support and guidance on how to tackle the difficulties encountered by managers when dealing with negative influences in the workplace. Direct training is a real positive for me as it enables me to meet those of you working directly in care, support and safeguarding. You never fail to motivate and remind me of why it is we do what we do. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the spring/summer period.

Take care, look after yourselves and thank you for all you do...

Kind regards

*Lesley Jeavons*

Independent Chair



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## Liberty Protection Safeguards implementation delayed

In April the Department of Health and Social Care confirmed that implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) is delayed to beyond this parliament, due to a prioritisation on the adult social care system reform White Paper: next steps to put People at the Heart of Care. LPS was a scheme introduced by the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act in 2019 as the planned replacement for the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS).



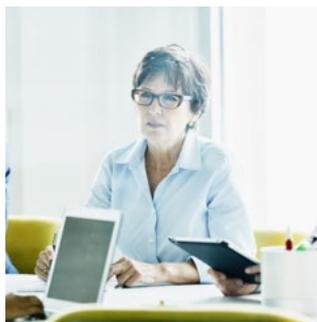
**Department  
of Health &  
Social Care**



The current arrangement for DoLS remain in place with local authorities responsible for authorisation of the applications by health and social care providers for people in care homes and hospitals in line with the Mental Capacity Act 2005, where a deprivation of the person's liberty is a justified and proportionate action in relation to the risk of harm. People living in other settings and in their own homes who are deprived of their liberty require authorisation by the Court of Protection.

## Advocacy services for adults with health and social care needs

**NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence



NICE, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, has published a comprehensive guide on improving access to advocacy for people using health and social care services in all adult settings (including young people under 18 using adult services).

The guide describes how to commission, monitor, and deliver effective advocacy, identifies who should be offered advocacy (including who is legally entitled to it), and covers training and skills for advocates and practitioners.

- “An advocate helps someone with health and social care needs to express their needs and wishes, and to weigh up and take decisions about options available to them.
- Advocates can help people find services, make sure correct procedures are followed and challenge decisions made by councils, health services and other relevant health-based organisations.
- Advocacy helps protect human rights and plays a critical part in safeguarding.”



<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng227>

## Forced Marriage Resource Pack



The government has published a Forced Marriage Resource Pack. Of the 337 cases in 2021 that the Forced Marriage Unit provided advice or support to, 16% involved individuals where there were concerns about their mental capacity. The Pack complements the existing statutory guidelines which are the primary source of support for professionals



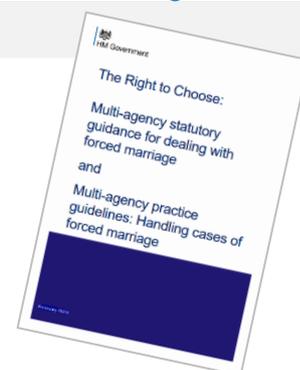
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-right-to-choose-government-guidance-on-forced-marriage>

The new pack includes:

- case studies of people who have experienced forced marriage;
- resources produced by both statutory and non-statutory organisations;
- links to support organisations and helplines which can help people who may be at risk of forced marriage.



[Forced marriage resource pack - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-right-to-choose-government-guidance-on-forced-marriage)



## Coming soon...



This summer we will be holding a number of community events across the County to help raise awareness of various important safeguarding issues.

These events will be advertised soon so keep an eye out for more information to follow.



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Information will be made available on our website Latest News webpage: <http://www.safeguardingdurhamadults.info/article/18039/Latest-news>