



News from Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership

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MCA Guide – Preferred communication and all practicable steps

When considering a person's mental capacity to make a decision, and before and during all capacity assessments, the second principle in section 1 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005, and the Equality Act 2010 anticipatory duties, must be adhered to.

- MCA Guide – Preferred communication and all practicable steps

Resident to resident abuse briefing

Sometimes an adult may be harmed by another adult when they both live in organised accommodation. This briefing sets out when it might happen, risk factors, suggestions for action, and other considerations for professionals and managers.

- Resident to resident abuse briefing

A safeguarding adults recap

A summary of safeguarding adults for people who completed their safeguarding adults training more than a year ago, or those new to County Durham who have completed their training in another area within the last three years.

- A safeguarding adults recap

Provider briefing – bruising

DSAP issued a briefing for providers about bruising in adults, to share advice and guidance and clarify when reporting a safeguarding concern is required. To request a copy of the briefing on bruising, email SABBusinessUnit@durham.gov.uk

We have also updated

- [Practitioner Newsflash – Professional Curiosity](#)
- [Working Collaboratively and Information Sharing Good Practice Guidance Toolkit](#)



Save the Dates: Safeguarding Week 2023



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

Theme – safeguarding yourself and others

Safeguarding Adults Week 2023

Monday 20 – Friday 24 November
#SafeguardingAdultsWeek

ann craft trust
acting against abuse

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

Information sharing advice consultation

The government is consulting over revisions to its [Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners](#) which was last revised in 2018.

While the document focuses on safeguarding children, the principles and practice apply to safeguarding adults, and of course to any staff working with adults who are responsible for children. Our '[Good Practice Toolkit, Collaborative Working and Information Sharing between Professionals to protect Adults](#)' draws on the Information sharing advice.

The consultation is "to help ensure that the information sharing advice provides more clarity, is easily understood, and instils confidence to share information appropriately amongst practitioners". It aims to "address practitioners' perceptions that there are legal impediments to sharing information in safeguarding".



There is a new section titled: '**Why is consent not usually the appropriate lawful basis in a safeguarding context?**' The document clarifies what consent is, that consent is not the same as being upfront and honest with clients about sharing information, and the appropriate lawful basis. Many practitioners will have legal duties to share information.

The closing date for the consultation is **6 September**.

For the draft Information sharing advice and the consultation, visit

[Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)



Controlling or coercive behaviour statutory guidance framework



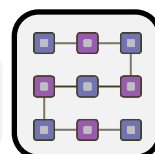
This statutory guidance about controlling or coercive behaviour under section 76 of the Serious Crimes Act 2015 was issued in April to assist in identifying, evidencing, charging, prosecuting, and convicting the offence. It also provides information on:

- supporting the survivor-victim and their family, and reducing the risk of harm to them
- managing the perpetrator



Home Office

[Controlling or coercive behaviour: statutory guidance framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



What if you have a **positive** DBS check result? **Nacro**

You need to carry out a risk assessment. The NACRO guide has a risk assessment at the end of the document. Its headings to consider include:



- ◆ Nature of the position
- ◆ Nature of conviction/other matters
- ◆ Relevance: the relevant categories for adults are violent and sexual offences
- ◆ Seriousness
- ◆ Age of offences
- ◆ Pattern of offending
- ◆ Changed circumstances



NACRO guide with risk assessment

<https://www.nacro.org.uk/nacro-services/employing-someone-with-a-criminal-record/>



NHS guide for managers

<https://www.nhsemployers.org/publications/positive-disclosure>



Sample policy about employing ex-offenders (required if you ask for DBS checks)

www.gov.uk/government/db-s-sample-policy-on-the-recruitment-of-ex-offenders

Modern slavery helpline calls at record high



Working towards a world without slavery

Unseen's Modern Slavery and Exploitation Helpline had more than 7,300 calls for help, and significant increases in reports of forced labour, domestic servitude, and sexual exploitation last year. Read Unseen's Helpline Annual Assessment for 2022.



[Modern slavery helpline calls at record high - Unseen \(unseenuk.org\)](https://unseenuk.org)

Executive dysfunction and the Mental Capacity Act 2005



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The National Mental Capacity Forum held the latest in its series of National Mental Capacity Webinars in April 2023. The one-hour webinar looks at mental capacity assessments when the person seems to understand the decision in question but is not able to put it into practice in real life.

National Mental Capacity Forum

Executive Dysfunction
and the MCA

National Mental Capacity
Forum Webinar

25 April, 2023

- ◆ Welcome. The Webinar will begin at 1pm.
- ◆ We are a large group, so cameras and microphones of delegates are disabled.
- ◆ Please use the Zoom Q/A function to pose questions; we will address as many as we can.
- ◆ A recording of the webinar and a copy of all slides will be made available to all delegates after the event.



[Executive dysfunction and the MCA | National Mental Capacity webinar \(scie.org.uk\)](https://scie.org.uk)