

Derby Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter



Introduction from Richard Proctor, Independent Chair of Derby Safeguarding Adults Board



Welcome to our Derby Safeguarding Adults Boards November newsletter.

The newsletter contains a rich collection of useful information in relation to how we can safeguard adults. It includes our annual report detailing how agencies have worked in partnership to deliver the strategic priorities of the board together with our Prevention Principles which have been jointly developed with Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board. I firmly believe if these Prevention Principles can be applied in practice, they can make a true positive difference to the life's of "Adults at Risk" in Derby.

I hope you find the content of this newsletter both helpful and informative so that we can continue to do all we can to keep "Adults at Risk" safe within our communities.

Richard Proctor

Independent Chair
Derby Safeguarding
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DSAB Annual Report 2024-25

The Derby Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) Annual Report for 2024-25 has now been approved and published on the DSAB website.

We encourage you to take a moment to read the following:

- [Full Annual Report 2024-25](#)
- [Summary Annual Report 2024-25](#)

This year's report provides an overview of DSAB's governance arrangements and legislative context, outlines the Board's membership and strategic priorities for 2024-25, and highlights key achievements. It also includes updates from the Board's subgroups, activity data on adult safeguarding, partner contributions, and DSAB's continued commitment to equality and diversity.

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Derby and Derbyshire SAB Prevention Principles

The Care Act 2014 identifies prevention as one of the six key principles that should underpin all adult safeguarding work. Prevention is a strategic priority for the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards who are committed to preventing abuse and neglect. We will work together to raise awareness, strengthen communities, and reduce risks, ensuring that people live safely, and with dignity and independence in Derby and Derbyshire.

The prevention of abuse and neglect is a shared responsibility across all Board agencies. Each Board partner has a vital role to play in creating safe, inclusive, and supportive environments where adults are protected from harm. By adopting the following principles and showing a commitment to working together to embed prevention, we can all help to prevent adult abuse and neglect:

- Improving and increasing public awareness
- Embedding prevention across
- Promotion of Making Safeguarding Personal and strengths based safeguarding practice
- Partnership/multi-agency working
- Transparency and accountability

The [Prevention Principles](#) document can be located on DSAB's website.

Derby and Derbyshire SAB Members Information Pack

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) have developed a Board Members Information Pack, which provides an overview of the Boards' roles and functions, membership, and subgroups.

The pack outlines the expectations of Board and subgroup members, helping to ensure the Boards operate effectively and achieve their strategic objectives. We encourage both new and existing members to review this resource to familiarise themselves with their roles and responsibilities.

The [Board Members Information Pack](#) is available on the DSAB website.

DSAB Training Courses

The DSAB offers free face-to-face and online safeguarding training to help build a strong foundation of knowledge for anyone involved in supporting adults who may be at risk of abuse or neglect.

Training is the first step towards developing safeguarding competence, the real impact comes from applying your learning in practice and demonstrating how it strengthens your ability to protect adults effectively.

To view or book a place on any of our training webinars, please visit our [online course booking system](#), where you can find details of all sessions provided by DSAB.

For more information, please visit our [Safeguarding Adults Training Page](#) on the [DSAB website](#).

Multi-Agency Case File Audits and Learning

The DSAB continues to undertake multi-agency case file audits as part of its ongoing commitment to learning and improvement. These audits bring together partner agencies to review real cases, identify good practice, and highlight areas where safeguarding practice can be strengthened.

The aim of the case file audits is to improve outcomes for adults with care and support needs by promoting shared learning across agencies, enhancing professional understanding, and ensuring that safeguarding responses are effective, timely, and person-centred.

The most recent audit focused on the theme of repeat adult safeguarding referrals, exploring why some individuals experience multiple safeguarding concerns and what can be done differently to reduce repeat referrals and improve early intervention. Looking ahead, the next audit will focus on cases that did not meet the statutory safeguarding criteria, helping agencies to reflect on criteria decision-making and professional curiosity.

Through this structured programme of audits, DSAB aims to strengthen multi-agency collaboration, promote reflective learning, and ensure continuous improvement in safeguarding adults across Derby.

Managing Allegations against Persons in a Position of Trust

We are pleased to re-launch the refreshed Allegations against Persons in a Position of Trust (PiPoT) Guidance August 2025.

Under the statutory guidance of the Care Act 2014, Safeguarding Adults Boards are required to establish and agree a framework and process to respond to allegations against anyone who works (either paid or unpaid) with adults with care and support needs.

A joint PIPOT framework and process was originally agreed by Derby and Derbyshire SABs on 9 October 2023. Since then, in response to valuable feedback from partner agencies, work has been undertaken in collaboration with Policy and Procedure Subgroup members to review and refresh the guidance. As a result, we are pleased to present the updated guidance, alongside a new supporting leaflet to aid understanding.

- [Derby and Derbyshire SABs PIPOT Leaflet](#)
- [Derby and Derbyshire SABs PIPOT Guidance](#)

Practice Guidance Update

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards Practice Guidance was also last updated in August 2025 and can be found on the DSAB website - [Practice Guidance](#).

The recent updates to the Practice Guidance include:

- Missing Persons (including the Herbert Protocol)
- Working with the Coroner

National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week

National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week (NSAAW) is a time for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues.

We believe that working in partnerships allows us to share our knowledge of safeguarding, learn from others and ultimately create safer cultures.

For the NSAAW 2025, we have collaborated with our partners to explore and raise awareness on the theme prevention (act before abuse), which is a key priority for both the Derby and Derbyshire SABs, by delivering a suite of different safeguarding webinars each day.

These webinars will inspire us to build safer cultures across our workplaces and communities, empowering us to trust our instincts, speak up when something feels wrong, and take a proactive look at how we can strengthen prevention.

- [Cybercrime and Online Safety](#)
- [Co-production and Safeguarding](#)
- [Sexual Abuse and Older People](#)
- [Low-level Support/Home from Hospital Service](#)
- [Who Cares for the Carers? Exploring Safeguarding and Carer Support](#)
- [Domestic Abuse and Older People](#)
- [Safer Cultures in Sports](#)

We thank all partner agencies who have supported us with the NSAAW 2025 and all participants for taking part in what will be a great and informative week.

Multi-Agency Working and Safeguarding

Multi-agency working involves professionals from different organisations collaborating by sharing their skills, expertise, and knowledge to achieve a shared goal, meeting an individual's needs, including those that are complex or multifaceted. Effective multi-agency working relies on strong communication, shared objectives, mutual understanding, and teamwork.

The DSAB has developed a set of useful pointers [on multi-agency working](#) for practitioners to consider when supporting people with care and support needs.

Safeguarding Adults What to Expect Leaflet: Easy-Read Version

Derby and Derbyshire have developed the [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards' "What to Expect" Easy Read leaflet](#) which aims to:

- Help adults at risk of abuse or neglect, and those who support them, understand what happens when a safeguarding concern is raised.
- Explain the safeguarding process in a clear, accessible, and easy-to-understand way, using simple language and images.
- Outline what individuals can expect from professionals and agencies involved in safeguarding, for example, how information is shared, how decisions are made, and how the person's views will be heard.
- Promote reassurance and transparency, so adults know that safeguarding is about keeping them safe, respecting their rights, and involving them in decisions about their care and protection.

In short, the What to Expect leaflet aims to make safeguarding more understandable, person-centred, and empowering for adults with care and support needs.

LeDeR Programme Annual Report 2024-2025

Derbyshire LeDeR (Learning from Lives and Deaths of people with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People) has published its Annual Report 2024-25 is now published on the [Joined Up Care Derbyshire website](#) and can be downloaded in full or easy-read versions.

The LeDeR programme supports local areas across England to review the deaths of people with a learning disability and autism, to learn from those deaths and to put that learning into practice.

The Integrated Care Board is responsible for ensuring that LeDeR reviews are completed for their local area and that actions are implemented to improve the quality of services for people with a learning disability and autistic people to reduce health inequalities and premature mortality.

Rights of Access - Gaining Access to Support an Adult 7-Minute Briefing

This [Rights of access: gaining access to support an adult 7-minute](#) briefing provides information about gaining access to support adults, either to provide care or support or as part of the response when it is known or suspected that adults are experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect.

It explains that only police and the local authority have very specific legal options they can pursue and steps that practitioners from other agencies should take.

Closing note

Thank you for taking the time to read the second edition of the DSAB Newsletter. This issue has highlighted the continued work and collaboration taking place across Derby to strengthen safeguarding practice from learning through multi-agency case file audits and training opportunities, to promoting awareness, prevention, and inclusion.

We appreciate the ongoing commitment of all our partners and practitioners in helping to protect adults with care and support needs. Together, we can continue to make Derby a safer place where everyone is supported to live free from abuse and neglect.

We look forward to sharing more updates and learning in our next edition.