

Derby Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter



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



Welcome to our Derby Safeguarding Adults Board's March newsletter.

Inside this month's addition you will find a whole host of useful information which if applied may help to keep "Adults in Derby safe" together with essential learning from practice, for example SAR03 Pink.

Earlier this month I was fortunate to attend the Dignity Action event. This gave us an opportunity as a Safeguarding Adults Board to recognise some of the great work being undertaken, where practitioners are championing people's rights to dignity to make a meaningful and lasting difference for individuals using care and support services. Coverage of the event can be found within the contents of the newsletter.

I hope you find the newsletter both helpful and informative and I hope you have time to consider its content

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Information Sharing Agreement

The Derby Safeguarding Adults Board's (DSAB) Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) has now been published on the [DSAB website](#). This document outlines the agreed principles and responsibilities for lawful and effective information sharing between partner agencies, in accordance with relevant legislation and safeguarding requirements.

The ISA supports consistent multi-agency practice and strengthens collaborative approaches to safeguarding adults.



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Multi-Agency Case File Audits and Learning

The DSAB continues to carry out multi-agency case file audits as part of its ongoing commitment to learning and continuous improvement. These audits bring together partner agencies to review real cases, celebrate effective practice, and identify opportunities to strengthen safeguarding arrangements.

The Quality Assurance Subgroup undertook case file audits in July and September 2025, focusing on the theme of Adult Safeguarding Repeat Referrals. Ten cases were randomly selected for review.

The [Learning on One Page \(LOOP\)](#) sets out the key areas of good practice identified, alongside learning points, areas for improvement, and recommendations for partner agencies.

Further information and previous LOOPS are available on the [Multi-Agency Case File Audits](#) webpage.



Derby Safeguarding Adults Review: Derby SAR03 'Pink'

The DSAB has recently published a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR): Derby SAR03 'Pink', in line with its statutory responsibility to promote learning and continuous improvement across safeguarding partners. The reviews were undertaken to examine multi-agency practice, identify learning, and strengthen safeguarding arrangements to better protect adults at risk.

To support the dissemination of learning from these reviews, DSAB has produced Learning Brief and a Learning on One Page (LOOP). These resources summarise the key findings, highlight good practice, and set out clear learning points and recommendations for partner agencies. They are intended to support reflection, improve professional practice, and inform service development across the partnership.

The published Learning Briefs and LOOP documents are available on the [DSAB website](#) and should be used by all partner organisations to support training, supervision, and service improvement activity. DSAB encourages agencies to share the learning widely within their organisations and to consider how the findings can be embedded into day-to-day safeguarding practice.

- [Derby SAR03: Learning Brief for Practitioners](#)
- [Derby SAR03: LOOP document](#)

Derby Safeguarding Adults Board Training

DSAB is pleased to announce the launch of a new, streamlined [Booking Tool System](#), which will be used for all DSAB training courses delivered from 2026 onwards. To support partners during this transition, clear [step-by-step guidance](#) on how to use the new system has been developed and is available alongside the training materials.

The DSAB is also pleased to share its new [Safeguarding Adults Training Prospectus](#). Further information on course dates can be found on the [Training Page](#).



These resources set out the range of multi-agency safeguarding training opportunities available to partners and provide details on course content, dates, and booking arrangements.

The DSAB remains committed to supporting partner agencies to strengthen safeguarding knowledge, skills, and practice. Through high-quality training and learning opportunities, DSAB aims to ensure adults with care and support needs are protected from abuse and neglect, while continuing to embed the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal throughout 2026 and beyond.

For further information or queries, please contact Safeguarding.Training@derby.gov.uk or telephone 01332 642961.

Derby City Council Adult Social Care - Provider Reporting Web Form

Derby City Council has developed a dedicated web-based reporting form to support care providers in submitting information that does not relate to safeguarding concerns. It provides a clear and consistent mechanism for sharing important information, helping to ensure transparency, effective oversight, and ongoing quality assurance across adult social care services.

The form is specifically designed to capture details about reportable incidents and other required notifications in a structured and efficient way. By using the web-based system, providers can be confident that the information they submit is directed promptly to the appropriate team within the Council for review and action where necessary.

To further support care providers in understanding and using the system effectively, the Quality Monitoring Team is delivering a series of online information sessions (**19 March and 10 April 2026**). These sessions will offer practical guidance on how to access and complete the Provider Reporting Web Form, clarify what types of incidents or information should be submitted through this route, and provide an opportunity to ask questions.

If you are a care provider and require access to the web form, or would like further information, please contact the Quality Monitoring Team at QualityMonitoring.Duty@derby.gov.uk.

Launch of the new Learning Themes Library

We are pleased to share that the new [Learning Themes Library](#) is now live, hosted by Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website. The library has been developed to strengthen safeguarding practice by bringing together key guidance, resources and information linked to recurring learning themes identified through:

- Safeguarding Adult Reviews
- Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
- Domestic Abuse-Related Death Reviews
- LeDeR Reviews

This first edition includes resources covering the following themes:

- Domestic abuse
- Fire safety
- Legal Literacy
- Making Safeguarding Personal
- Management of constipation and recognition of sepsis
- Multi Agency working and information sharing
- Professional curiosity
- Substance use
- Unpaid Carers

The Learning Themes Library will be regularly updated to reflect new and emerging learning from completed reviews. We encourage practitioners and partners to use these resources to build knowledge, strengthen professional confidence, and support improved outcomes for the people we work with.



Derby City Council Provider Reporting Web Form

Do you have concerns about a care provider?
Use Derby City Council's Provider Reporting Web Form
to Report an Adult Social Care Provider:
[Provider Reporting Web Form](#)

Derby City Council has developed a web-based form where providers should submit information via this online referral form to report incidents or share information about matters they need to notify the Council about

The Quality Monitoring Team are offering online awareness sessions on the Web Form on the following dates:

- 19 March 2026 at 10.30am – 12.00pm
- 10 April 2026 at 2.00pm – 3.30pm

If you wish to attend, please email QualityMonitoring.Duty@derby.gov.uk to reserve a place.

If you are unable to attend any of the above sessions, additional dates can be arranged. Please contact our Quality Monitoring Team on: QualityMonitoring.Duty@derby.gov.uk, who are happy to assist.

Derby City Council

National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week

National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week (NSAAW) brought together organisations from across Derby and Derbyshire to highlight key safeguarding issues and promote effective practice. The week provided a valuable platform for collaboration, enabling partners to share learning, exchange expertise, and reinforce joint approaches to developing safer cultures.

NSAAW 2025 focused on the theme Prevention: Act Before Abuse, reflecting a shared strategic priority of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs). Through partnership working, organisations collectively raised awareness of the importance of early intervention and proactive safeguarding in preventing abuse and neglect.

A series of safeguarding webinars was delivered throughout the week, covering a wide range of topics designed to strengthen preventative safeguarding practice within workplaces and communities. The sessions encouraged professionals to remain vigilant, act on concerns, and consider how preventative approaches can be embedded into everyday practice.

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards extend their thanks to all partner agencies who contributed to the delivery of NSAAW 2025, and to everyone who participated in the week's activities, helping to make the programme both informative and impactful.

Further information, including resources and guidance relating to National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week, can be found on the [Ann Craft Trust website](#).

Abuse against adults can happen anywhere

It's Safeguarding Adults Week.
Let's all help protect adults at risk.
If something doesn't seem right – tell us.

Derby Safeguarding Adults Team
Call: 01332 642855
Email: AdultsMASH@derby.gov.uk

#SafeguardingAdultsWeek

Supporting Safeguarding Adults Week
17-21 November 2025

Dignity Action Month

February marks [Dignity Action Month](#). The month is an annual opportunity for everyone to reflect on how dignity is placed at the heart of everything we do. It's a time to champion people's right to dignity and make a meaningful and lasting difference for those who use care and support services.

Dignity Action Month highlights the importance of respectful attitudes and behaviours towards people who use health and social care services. However, dignity is not confined to care settings alone, it is everyone's responsibility and something that affects us all.

As part of the month, Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards encouraged colleagues to become Dignity Champions. A Dignity Champion is someone who believes that being treated with dignity is a basic human right, not an optional extra. They believe that care services must be compassionate, person centred, as well as efficient, and are willing to try to do something to achieve this.

The Derby and Derbyshire Dignity Tea event saw a range of professionals from various care services receive recognition for upholding the dignity and care of the people they work with. Certificates were presented by the Mayor of Derby, Ajit Atwal, Richard Proctor, Independent Chair of Derby SAB, and Amanda Clarke, Independent Chair of Derbyshire. A poem, 'Dignity in Care', written by Matthew Fowler, a Derby resident, was also read out.



Dignity Action Month (cont)

The following professionals also received awards:

- Cygnet Derby Safeguarding Champions Group, Temporary Accommodation Team at Derby Homes
- Hayley Crossley, Palliative Specialist Nurse at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton.
- Alana Biggs, Lead Nurse, Aitune Medical Practice
- Sharleen Gonza, JS Supported Living Services
- David Shardlow, Social Worker, Derby City Council
- Rubine Sharief, Registered Manager, Waythrough
- Steven Stockley, Staying Close, The Children and Young Adults Supportive Care Services, Derby City Council
- Joe Michael, Derventio Housing Trust
- Luca Marini, Social Worker, Derbyshire County Council
- Sarah Wigley, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service



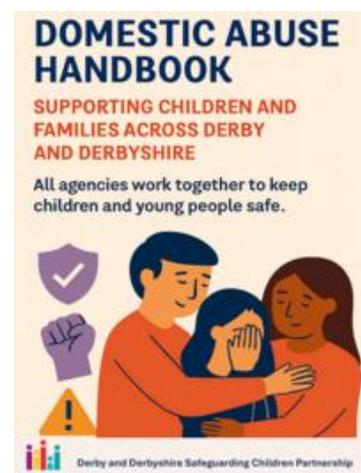
Together with partner agencies, Derby and Derbyshire SABs would like to invite everyone to think about dignity and treating each other with respect in all areas of our lives, not only in care. One way to get involved is to become a Dignity Champion. To find out more, visit the [Dignity in Care website](#).

Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership - Domestic Abuse Handbook

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (DDSCP) has launched the [Domestic Abuse Handbook](#), a comprehensive resource to support professionals working with children and families affected by domestic abuse.

The handbook provides clear guidance to help practitioners recognise the signs of domestic abuse, understand its impact on children (including unborn babies), and respond effectively through coordinated multi-agency working. It promotes a child-centred, trauma-informed approach and sets out practical pathways for assessment, referral and support.

This new resource strengthens the shared commitment to safeguarding children across Derby and Derbyshire, ensuring they are seen, heard and protected.



Safeguarding Adults Referral Form



Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards have recently updated the joint Safeguarding Adults Referral Form.

If you think an adult may be at risk in Derby, you can make a safeguarding referral to Derby City Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Please use the links provided below:

- [Derby City e-form](#)
- [Derby City Word form](#)

Once you have made a referral, more guidance is available on [what to do next](#).

Closing note

Thank you for reading the third edition of the DSAB Newsletter. This issue highlights continued partnership activity across Derby to strengthen adult safeguarding through learning, training, and preventative practice.

DSAB would like to thank all partner agencies and practitioners for their ongoing commitment to safeguarding adults with care and support needs. Further updates will be shared in the next edition.