
**DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT 2017-18**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Adult Social Care and Housing Scrutiny to receive and comment upon the Annual Report of the Darlington Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board (DSAPB) for the period 2017/18, attached as **Appendix 1**.

Summary

2. The Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board is required to produce an Annual Report which should account for the Board's activities over the previous year and make an assessment of the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements within the local area.
3. The DSAPB Annual Report for 2017/18 is based on the six key principles that support good inter agency Adult Safeguarding:
 - **Empowerment** – People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and give informed consent
 - **Prevention** – It is better to take action before harm occurs
 - **Proportionality** – The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented
 - **Protection** – Support and representation for those in greatest need
 - **Partnership** – Local solutions through services working with their communities to prevent and report neglect and abuse
 - **Accountability** – Accountability and transparency in safeguarding practice
4. It is recommended that:
 - (a) The Adult Social Care and Housing Scrutiny note and comment on the DSAPB Annual Report for 2017/18 which will be published on the Safeguarding Board's website.

Reasons

6. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons:
 - (a) Adult and Social Care and Housing Scrutiny have an understanding of the Board's work to date.
 - (b) To challenge and scrutinise the work of the DSAPB and raise any challenges as appropriate with Ann Baxter, Independent Chair.
 - (c) To have assurance that the Safeguarding Adult Board is effectively co-ordinating multi-agency safeguarding practice in Darlington for adults with care and support needs who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

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Background Papers

Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board Annual Report – 2017/2018