

# Recommended Terms of Reference for Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Boards

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## Purpose and Role

The Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board (LDAP) is a partnership group responsible for supporting Durham County Council (DCC) and Darlington Borough Council (DBC) in meeting their duty under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act.

*The LDAP will be known locally as the County Durham and Darlington Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group (DASVEG)*

DASVEG will take a whole system approach to support, advise and work in partnership with DCC and DBC to ensure victims of domestic abuse have access to adequate and appropriate support within safe accommodation and wider domestic abuse services.

DASVEG will provide the governance structure for work across the system aimed at reducing and tackling sexual violence.

To improve outcomes for victims of domestic abuse, including their children, through a strategic approach to identifying and addressing gaps in support within safe accommodation services and the wider system

DASVEG will ensure that the system has a clear focus on perpetrators and tackling repeat perpetrators through a range of multi-agency, problem solving interventions and approaches.

## Frequency

The Board will meet on a bi monthly basis; this will be reviewed every 12 months.

## Membership

The Board is made up of several responsible bodies and agencies that by law, must be represented.

***Members of the Board should be of a level that are able to make decisions regarding service/system delivery, budget allocation and commissioning intentions.***

<b>Name/Role</b>	<b>Deputy/Role</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Jane Sunter, Strategic Manager (Chair)	Lucy Wilkins, PH Advanced Practitioner	Public Health	DCC
Lorraine Hughes, Director of Public Health	Abbie Kelly, PH Portfolio Lead	Public Health	DBC
Pauline Newby, Strategic Commissioning Manager	Owain Green Commissioning Policy and Planning Officer	ICB Integrated Commissioning Team	DCC
Christine Shields Assistant Director	Peter Sterling, Strategic Commissioning Manager	Commissioning	DBC
Andrea Petty, Chief of Staff	Jeanne Trotter	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	OPCC
Tanya Graham, Deputy Head of Durham and Darlington Probation Service	Karen Blackburn, Head of Durham and Darlington Probation Service	Durham and Darlington Probation	Probation
Nicola Lawrence, Detective Superintendent	Lee Blakelock, Detective Chief Inspector	Safeguarding	Durham Constabulary
Jac Tyler, Strategic Manager	Jo Levie, Operations Manager	Children's Social Care	DCC
Karen Davison, Strategic Manager	Claire Johnson, Operations Manager	Early Help, Inclusion and Vulnerable Children	DCC
Kirsty Wilkinson, Early Years Development Advisor		Education	DCC
Alison Lavender, Head of Service Children's Services	Nicola Brownhill Service Manager, First Response Services	CYPS	DBC
Calvin Kipling - Virtual School Head	Dianne Gage – Inclusion lead	Education	DBC
Joss Harbron – Assistant Director, Adult Social Care	Barbara Beadle – Head of Service	Adults	DBC
Amanda Hugill, Darlington	Marian Garland,	Safeguarding	DBC

Name/Role	Deputy/Role	Team	Organisation
Safeguarding Partnership Business Manager	Darlington Safeguarding Boards Development Officer/LADO		

The Board will be chaired by Jane Sunter  
 Vice Chair of the Board will be TBC

Members are responsible for ensuring they report back and feed into the Board on behalf of their represented group/body. Steps should be taken to ensure:

**Roles and Responsibilities**

The Board will take a whole system approach to:

- Provide advice and data to support *DCC, DBC and its partners* to undertake a robust local needs assessment to identify and understand the needs of domestic abuse victims within their area (including those that present from out of area).
- Provide expert advice and data to support the development of a local strategy, agreeing the appropriate steps needed to meet the needs identified.
- Support *DCC, DBC and its partners* to effectively engage with domestic abuse victims and expert services in understanding the range and complexity of needs.
- Support DCC, DBC and its partners to support to effectively identify, engage challenge, and tackle perpetrators of domestic abuse
- Provide oversight and governance to a range of victim focused problem solving interventions tackling complex domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Support *DCC, DBC and its partners* to make commissioning and decommissioning decisions (where appropriate). This can include when and how commissioning is undertaken to ensure the best and most appropriate services are made available for victims.
- [Members will] support in ensuring join up across other related areas such as housing, health, early years and childhood support, social services and police and crime services [not limited to]

- Advise and support in dealing with issues raised and identified from engagement through formal and informal routes.
- Escalate issues to the relevant representative / body

## Agendas

Members will be able to put forward suggested agenda items for consideration. The secretariat will circulate final agendas a minimum of 5 working days ahead of meetings.

DASVEG agendas will be structured to ensure that where necessary agenda items will be restricted to commissioning organisations only.

Standing agenda items will include:

- The voice and lived experience of victim/survivors including children as victims in their own right.
- Performance
- Subgroup feedback via the chair of each group:
  - Prioritising Prevention
  - Supporting Victims, this will include accommodation-based support.
  - Tackling Those who Cause Harm

## Absence

Where members are unable to attend a meeting, they are responsible for informing the Board ahead of the meeting and, as far as possible, should ensure a representative is present on behalf of the organisation / body.

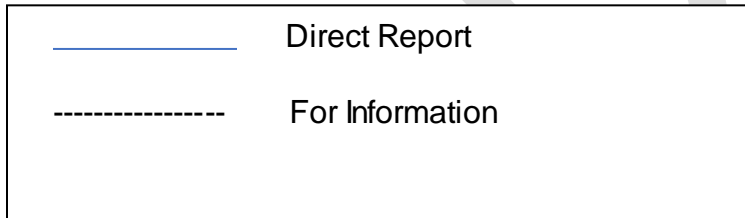
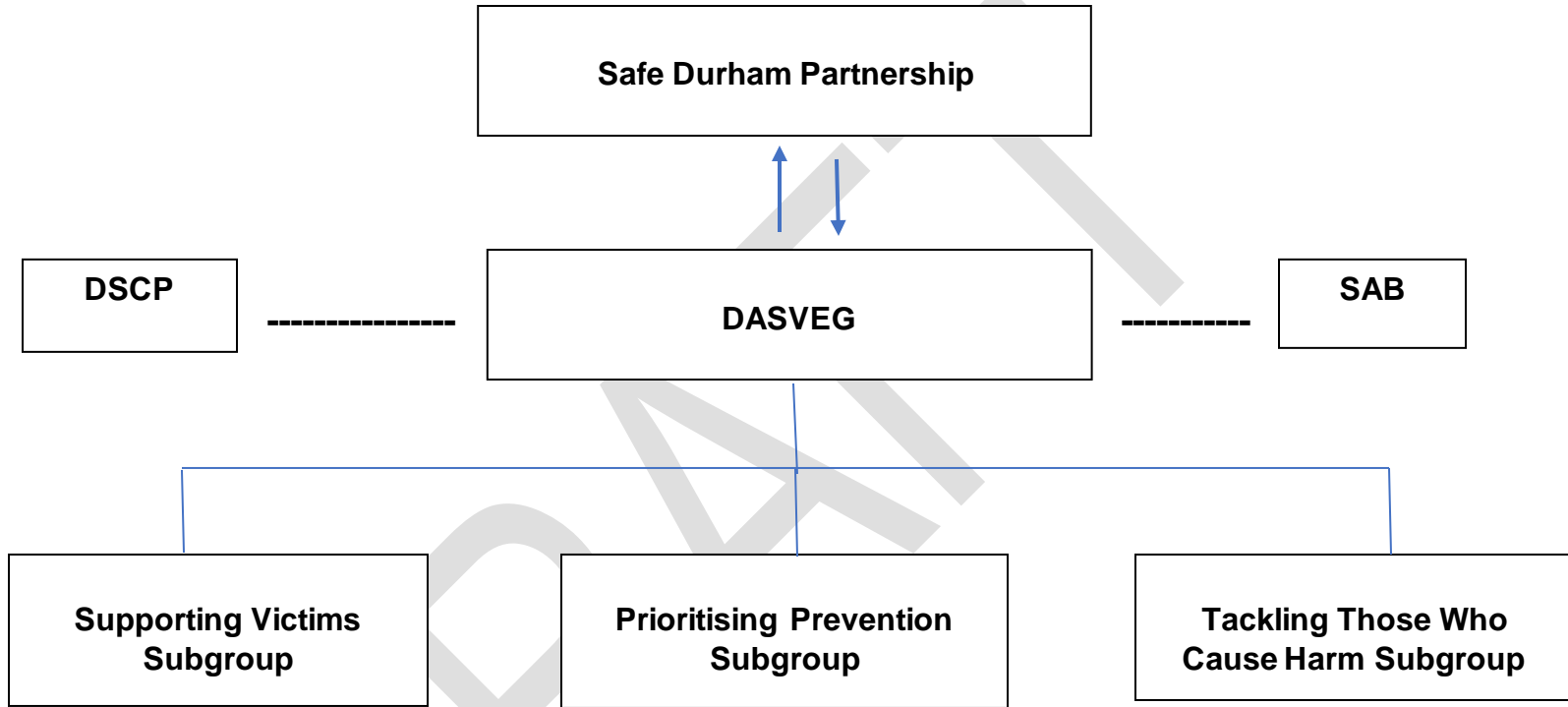
## Reporting and Governance

The chair / Board will report back to the *Safe Durham Partnership and Darlington Community Safety Partnership*.

*In addition, regular reports will be provided to members of the Durham Safeguarding Children's Board, the Durham Safeguarding Adults Board and the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Board.*

The Board will support DCC and DBC in reporting back to MHCLG on delivering the duty in line with statutory guidance and the standardised reporting form.

### DASVEG Governance Chart (County Durham)



## DASVEG Governance Chart (Darlington)

