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Welcome to our May 2024 Newsletter

In this newsletter we bring together information which we hope you will find useful and we highlight how the Partnership continues to communicate and keep in touch with all our agencies and provide guidance to support you in your role working with children and adults. In this edition, we bring you information in the about Right Care, Right Person and also the DSP Self-Neglect and Hoarding conference. There is also information about Partnership work, important safeguarding updates and new training dates.

New training dates are now open for booking on Me Learning.

All dates for children and adult safeguarding training until December 2024 are listed in the courses section of your Me Learning account.



In the Spotlight..... DSP Conference 2nd July 2024

**Darlington
Safeguarding
Partnership**
Protecting Children and Adults

Self-Neglect and Hoarding Conference **Tuesday 2nd July 2024 9:15am–4:30pm** **The Darlington Arena**

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership is hosting a free in-person conference on adult self-neglect and hoarding which is open to all multi-agency colleagues working across Darlington. Whilst the focus of the conference is on adult self-neglect, the learning around this issue may also be of interest to those practitioners working with children, young people and families.

We welcome a range of speakers who will deliver on the different aspects of self-neglect and hoarding which include Professor Michael Preston-Shoot, Deborah Barnett, Professor Nick Neave, Dr Paul Walker and others and you will have opportunity to be involved in workshop activities.

TO REQUEST YOUR PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE, BOOK ONLINE ON YOUR ME LEARNING ACCOUNT. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A ME LEARNING ACCOUNT, REGISTER [HERE](#).



Conference Learning Aims

- To raise awareness and understanding of self-neglect and hoarding for multi-agency practitioners across Darlington
- To consider the Mental Capacity Act and other relevant legislation for assessment and decision making
- To understand the lived experiences of those who have first-hand knowledge of self-neglect
- To gain knowledge around working with those individuals who are resistant to support and who may have additional complex needs or misuse substances
- To explore the resources and best practice guidance available for use across Darlington and how to use these collaboratively
- To use learning from DSP Safeguarding Adult Reviews to inform practice in relation to self-neglect

Right Care, Right Person (RCRP)

'Right Care, Right Person (RCRP) is being introduced in County Durham and Darlington on 10 June 2024

Right Care Right Person (RCRP) is a national model involving a partnership approach which changes the way the emergency services respond to medical calls to ensure that vulnerable people receive the right specialist health support they need by ensuring that people in mental health crisis and those where there are concerns about welfare are seen by the right professional, to improve outcomes and the experience for people who need mental health support. This approach also helps to avoid inappropriate criminalisation, especially of those in mental health crisis.

The focus is on maintaining patient safety and ensuring that people in mental health crisis are not left without support.

Durham Constabulary will implement RCRP in County Durham and Darlington on Monday 10th June 2024. The approach to RCRP implementation and mental health has been planned and developed jointly throughout the partnership in advance of the introduction of the changes, involving health, social care, and other relevant partners and a multi-agency governance structure has been agreed. Once implemented the arrangements will be monitored and reviewed over time.

Detailed legal guidance and toolkits will be published by the National Police Chiefs Council and College of Policing soon.



OUR PLEDGE

To be confident in having open and honest conversations with each other as multi-agency partners in order to do the very best we can for children, adults and their families in Darlington.

Multi-agency working is vital to maintain a focus on children and vulnerable adults while also keeping them at the heart of all decisions.

Our Pledge is an opportunity to:

- Seek out professional conversations with each other at the earliest opportunity
- Have a shared understanding of the strengths and risks within a family
- Actively listen to each other and share important information
- Respect each other's expertise
- Be open and empathetic to the professional views of others
- Be professionally curious and evidence what we say
- Use common language that everyone understands



Concerned about a child?

Contact the Children's Initial
Advice Team
Professionals on **01325 406252**
Public on **01325 406222**

Concerned about an adult?

Contact the Adult
Contact Team
on **01325 406111**



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