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## Welcome to our September 2023 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. This month marks the start of our newsletter being circulated to you on a monthly basis. In this edition, we bring you information in the spotlight about recent updates to guidance for Modern Slavery, information about revisions to the SAR and LCSPR processes and also information about Partnership work and new training dates.

### New training dates online now!

We have updated our website with new dates for child and adult safeguarding training sessions for the coming months. Morning and afternoon sessions available from introductory to advanced levels. Find your session here [DSP website](#)

### Partnership Information Sharing Form

This form should be used by partner agencies to share information with the police which has been gathered during the course of their work and may be of interest to law enforcement. The Information should be specific to a particular person, vehicle, or incident. i.e. one report per event and information relating to separate events should be on their own form. Access the form on the [DSP website](#)

## **In the Spotlight.....**

# **Updates to Modern Slavery Guidance July 2023**

In July 2023, the Modern Slavery Statutory Guidance was updated following a judicial review challenge that led to the Home Secretary agreeing to withdraw, reconsider and revise parts of the Guidance.

The Home Office recently carried out a review of the guidance governing reasonable grounds decisions. As a result, negative reasonable grounds decisions were paused temporarily to allow for the publication of this new guidance. The new guidance has now been published online and is operational meaning that decisions will resume.

Sections of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 have been amended so that assistance and support are only provided when there are Reasonable Grounds to believe that someone is, rather than may be a victim of modern slavery.

The full document can be found [here](#)



**Home Office**

**MODERN  
SLAVERY**

**IT'S CLOSER THAN  
YOU THINK**

## Revision to Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Procedure and Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Serious Child Safeguarding Incident (LCSPR) Procedure

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership has recently refreshed its Safeguarding Adult Review Protocol and also its Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Serious Child Safeguarding Incident Procedures. The serious incident notification form has also been refreshed to better inform the Statutory Safeguarding Partners and members of the Learning and Development Group.

For Adult Reviews, click [HERE](#) to view the Protocol for SAR

For Children's Reviews, click [HERE](#) to view the Procedure for LCSPR and click [HERE](#) to review the revised Form.

## Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Information Form (Matrix)

The Child Exploitation Risk Assessment tool has been revised, the tool should be used where there is evidence or intelligence to suggest that a child is being or has been 'exploited'. It should be developed alongside with and complimenting any other assessment and plan for a child or young person. See the revised form here by clicking the link below.

[Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Form](#)

### 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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