



Newsletter: Quarter One 2023/4

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults
Board and Safeguarding
Children Partnership

Updates from the Safeguarding Adults Board

SAR Policy and Procedures updated:

Safeguarding Adults Boards are required to undertake a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) when an adult with care and support needs has died or suffered serious harm, because of abuse or neglect, and there is a cause for concern about how agencies have worked together to safeguard that individual. The NSAB have recently reviewed and updated their [SAR policy and procedures](#).

Making Safeguarding Personal – Short Guide:

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is an integral part of all safeguarding adults work. It is a key priority for the NSAB to ensure that adults at risk (or their representatives) are informed about and involved in safeguarding adults

enquiries. A short-guide has been produced to help people put MSP into [practice](#).



MCA Training:

The NSAB have a Mental Capacity Act Task and Finish Group looking to improve practice in this area. Vida Morris, Chair of the NSAB, has recently written out to partners to encourage them to review their MCA training offer to ensure it is meeting the needs of the workforce. The MCA is relevant to anyone working with people aged over 16 who might lack mental capacity to make decisions for themselves. Find out more [here](#).

Preventing Fire Deaths:

Last year sadly saw a spike in deaths due to fire in the region. Most people who die or are seriously injured in domestic fires have common vulnerabilities and are known to public service agencies. Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service have produced a briefing for practitioners and launched a card for front-line workers to raise awareness of the common risk factors and how to request a Safe and Well Check from the service. To access the briefing and find out more visit [here](#).



Whorlton Hall Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR)

Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership have published the full SAR report in relation to Whorlton Hall. The NSAB have already undertaken a local benchmarking exercise following the publication of the executive summary in December 2022. The full report, an easy read version and executive summary can be accessed [here](#).

Writing safeguarding policy and procedures

A wide range of organisations need to have safeguarding policies and procedures in place. They are a key part of ensuring that people are clear about what safeguarding is and what should be done if there is a concern a child or adult is at risk or has been harmed. Whilst the NSAB and NSCP are unable to advise on, or approve, an organisation's safeguarding policies and procedures, we have provided some helpful tips and resources [here](#).



Updates from the Safeguarding Children Partnership

Risk Outside The Home:

Newcastle Children's Services are introducing a new model to work and support children and their families who face risk of harm in their communities. The initial pilot is due to start soon, based upon the model developed by Wiltshire. For more information, please watch this [presentation](#).

Development Day – Risk Outside The Home:

The NSCP held a Development Day in March with partners from several organisations and shared valuable and engaging information regarding service initiatives aimed at addressing the criminal exploitation of young people and the risks they may be exposed to outside the home. Those who missed the session or simply want to revisit the content, including recordings, presentation slides, and additional materials, can do so [here](#).



Risk Outside The Home – Briefing Sessions:

To support the new Risk Outside The Home model, the NSCP are delivering a range of briefings linked to extra-familial forms of harm. These include an introductory briefing session on ROTH, as well as sessions on local learning and the significance of language. Further briefings will be publicised in the coming weeks. Please access the NSCP training [page](#) for more details.

NSCP Updated Website:

The NSCP is in the process of updating our website. This is aimed at making it easier to navigate and to access the information you need. This is part of an ongoing process and we encourage staff to familiarise themselves with content on the [website](#).



Stay Close – Sleep Apart

In July 2020, the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel published a Thematic Report into Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy. This [report](#) identified that these tragic deaths occur more frequently in families that are particularly vulnerable, with many of the risk factors associated with SIDS overlapping with those for child abuse and neglect. In response, Newcastle and Gateshead Safeguarding Children Partnerships have agreed to adopt a SIDS 'Prevent and Protect Model'. A key aspect of this model is the introduction of this multi-agency guidance which can be accessed [here](#).

Children with Disabilities out of area placement:

The National Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has now published the second of three reports into allegations of abuse and neglect to children living in three private residential settings located in Doncaster and operated by the Hesley Group: Fullerton House, Wilsic Hall, and Wheatley House. The phase 2 report sets out recommendations to improve the safety, support and outcomes for children with disabilities and complex health needs living in residential settings. Further information can be accessed [here](#).



The NSAB and NSCP offer a wide range of free learning and development opportunities. These include e-learning, Teams training and in-person workshops:

<https://www.newcastlesafeguarding.org.uk/our-training/>

Our website www.newcastlesafeguarding.org.uk is your one-stop-shop for safeguarding related information in Newcastle. It is regularly updated with news and resources.