

# Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Annual Report Executive Summary 2018/19

## Summary from Dr John Woodhouse (independent Chair)

For the third year as Independent Chair of the Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board I am delighted to introduce our Executive Summary and Annual Report Video. We are trying a new format to present the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board, which is largely based on a video. The reason is to see if we can make our report more accessible and meaningful to a wider audience. A link to the video can be found here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JP0pXawwtHw&feature=youtu.be>). The safeguarding partners and I work all the time to see if we can do things better. Constantly trying to improve is essential if we are going to address the complex safeguarding problems that some Doncaster residents face.

Following the Introduction of new statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 my role now includes being Independent Convenor for Doncaster Safeguarding Children Partnership. These new arrangements have meant closer and wider partnerships across adults and children services. The Doncaster Safeguarding Children and Adult Partnership was formed to allow agencies to hear of developments of the work of the Boards and allow a closer link. This report later details the first event that has taken place.

I am pleased to report that we have largely met our objectives for this year. Though there has been an increase in the number of referrals received, through the development of an in-depth dashboard through Power Bi (a computerised recording and analysis system) we are able to understand better the types referrals received and how effectively we are responding. The dashboard is a notable achievement for the DSAB partners. We are rather proud that there is regional recognition of its quality and information.

“Safeguarding Adults is - Agencies working together to keep adults at risk of abuse safe in Doncaster”

Adults at risk can be vulnerable to the following types of abuse:

Physical abuse

Emotional or psychological abuse

Neglect

Financial or Sexual Exploitation or abuse

Organisational abuse

Modern slavery

Self-Neglect

Discrimination

Sexual Abuse

Domestic Abuse

The Care Act 2014 provided us with legislation to support adults at risk to live free from abuse and harm and outlines what should happen if someone is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect.

The Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory Board which means that by law each local authority should have one.

The Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board and Doncaster Children’s Board are committed to partnership working. The development of new arrangements have brought the Board Partners together with joint Board Meetings allowing the sharing of joint functions. Agencies including the Local Authority, NHS, Police, St Leger Housing and Healthwatch meet on a quarterly basis to work together to keep adults safe in Doncaster.

There are now new governance arrangements in place with the core statutory partners (Doncaster Council, Doncaster Children’s Trust, Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group, South Yorkshire Police) part of the Chief Officers Safeguarding Operations Partnership (COSOP).



<u>Our Priorities</u>	
<b>Priority 1</b>	<b>Priority 2</b>
Assure Effectiveness and impact of Safeguarding arrangements	Lead and shape safeguarding practice
<b>Priority 3</b>	<b>Priority 4</b>
Ability to respond to current and emerging issues	Collaborate, trust and build partnerships

- How have we performed:**
- 290+ S42 Enquiries Undertaken
  - 69% feel safer due to safeguarding intervention.
  - 50% of 2146 cases reported outcomes
  - 48% of 2100 reported feeling safer
  - 60% of concerns within own home

**Keeping Safe Forum:**  
 The Forum has existed for 5 years and has gone from strength to strength. Bi-monthly meetings are held at the Deaf Community college. A wide range of groups and people attend. The Forum has information form a range of services such as Safeguarding Awareness training, Engaged with Officers from South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to provide information on key messages around Keeping Safe in Doncaster, examples have included information on scam awareness and fire safety in relation to hoarding and self-neglect.

Developed partnerships with colleagues in the Public Health team to share messages and information on public health campaigns with members of the community including the Winter Warmth Campaign where over 450 people were engaged and informed.

- There are three subgroups of the DSAB that oversee the priorities. These are:
- **Quality and Performance** – meets on a quarterly basis to analyse multi-agency safeguarding adult’s performance. This year there has been a focus on the development of the Performance Framework. The dashboard developed in Power Bi has offered an in-depth analysis of performance across the 6 key principles of safeguarding. It has been recognised as one of the top 4 effective Dashboards in the region.
  - **Review and Learning** – Safeguarding Adults Reviews requests received and those undertaken. The subgroup has the responsibility to commission suitable authors and ensure a timely response to requests. A Learning and improvement cycle is in place and activity has increased in Reviews undertaken (1 in 2017/18, 1 in 2018/19) through a robust procedure for conducting Safeguarding Adult Reviews.
  - **Keeping Safe Subgroup** – joint membership across children and adults. The subgroup has looked at including widening the group to include members of the Keeping Safe Forum and to hold it as a meeting for members of the public to attend. The subgroup is developing a joint Keeping Safe campaign for both adult and children service and will look at a joint leaflet and Communication and Engagement Strategy. The subgroup also reviews and discusses workforce development and analysis of training performance and needs.

**Safeguarding Week 9 – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
 To launch the South Yorkshire Safeguarding week the Safeguarding Awards took place on 9<sup>th</sup> July. The event celebrated how children and adults had supported people in their communities, schools or families to keep safe. We heard from children as young as 6 who saved pocket money to support a local charity helping residents. A number of schools also received awards for their contribution to tackle bullying. Among the adults, awards were given to members of the Keeping Safe Forum, Jodie Keegans (Domestic Abuse Survivor) and poet JB Barrington who has worked with Public Health to produce a film about Suicide Prevention.

**Keeping Safe Event:**  
 Approximately 122 people attended the event with the majority (70%) from people in the community or who use services in Doncaster. Young people attend the event mainly from Doncaster College.

The aim of the event was to allow engagement and networking for people. These were many activities on tables for people to take part in throughout the day. Some geared to learning about safeguarding and others for fun such as the anagram quiz sheets with the chance to win a hamper put together by Healthwatch.

This was an opportunity to hear about the work of the Keeping Safe Forum over the year and through a short film showcase its achievements. The Forum membership has grown with many groups wishing to be involved and seeing the Forum as a platform to be involved in safeguarding.

The highlight of the event was a performance from Lost Voice Guy, Lee Ridley (winner of Britain’s Got Talent 2018). Lee highlighted the need for people with care and support needs to be vocal and championed the work done in Doncaster. Lee’s comments can be found on the annual report video.

