

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS E-BRIEFING February 2022



MEET THE SAFEGUARDING LEAD, ADULT SOCIAL CARE, TAMESIDE COUNCIL

Darren Lawton-Edge, is the Named Professional Safeguarding Adults, for Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust. Darren has been at the Trust since March 2020, and started his new role during lockdown.

The Named Professional Safeguarding adult is a new role within Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, and its purpose is to drive forward and strengthen the adult safeguarding agenda within the Trust.

Darren is a registered Social Worker and Best Interest Assessor and has had many roles in adult social care over the years. However, he is passionate about ensuring all adults live fulfilled lives free from abuse, and is passionate about adult safeguarding and the safeguarding families' agenda including people who are experiencing domestic abuse.



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NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING WEEK

TASPB supported National Adult Safeguarding week from Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November 2021, working with other organisations to raise awareness around important Safeguarding issues. There was a different theme for each day and they were promoted on the staff portal for Tameside MBC and shared via email with partner organisations.

TASPB also hosted two virtual development sessions that week on Tuesday the 16th and Wednesday the 17th of November 2021. Tuesdays looked at Learning from Safeguarding reviews and provided the opportunity for Practitioners to learn about the various legislation and local guidance for reviews in the context of Safeguarding.

Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Domestic Homicide Reviews and Learning Disability Reviews were all discussed.

The session included learning from the most recent reviews that had taken place in Tameside. Practitioners involved in the Safeguarding Reviews shared their experience of their involvement in these Reviews.

Wednesdays gave a forum for Practitioners to access updates regarding TASPB activity and gain further awareness to the pending changes to TASPB Policy and Procedures. Organisations represented at TASPB presented the organisational changes and updates that directly impact on Partnership working in Adult Safeguarding.

This gave an opportunity to revisit the updates to TASPB guidance over the last 12 months. Changes to the TASPB Policy and Procedure that have been implemented in February 2022 and discuss the role of partner organisations in safeguarding.

Both sessions were attended by more than 80 Colleagues from various organisations.

NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS WEEK UPDATE FROM GMFRS

As part of National Safeguarding Adults Week (15-21 November), GMFRS colleagues were taking part in a series of local and national forums to explore and raise awareness of safeguarding across different age groups see below what they did.

Led by national charity Ann Craft Trust, the theme of this year's campaign is **'Creating Safer Cultures'**.

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Promoting safer cultures is about how organisations and individuals can take steps to minimise harm occurring in the first instance, whilst ensuring appropriate policies and procedures are in place so that safeguarding concerns are recognised and responded to effectively.

What do Safer Cultures Look Like?

- **Listening** – Organisations should listen to members and create an environment where people's concerns are listened to and addressed appropriately (be that service users, participants, volunteers or employees). Individuals should feel confident about how to respond to, report and refer any safeguarding concerns either within their organisation or community.
- **Leading** – Organisations should ensure they have the correct policies and procedures in place to minimise the risk of harm and to respond effectively should concerns be raised. This could include having a detailed safeguarding policy and ensuring that staff and volunteers receive regular safeguarding training.
- **Learning** – It is important that organisations, and individuals within them, take the time to learn from safeguarding incidents and reflect on what actions could be altered in the future to facilitate best practice and minimise the risk of harm.

In recent years, GMFRS has invested in improving our; Children and Adults Safeguarding Policy and associated guidance, links into our local safeguarding partners and our training provision.

We have increased the number of Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSOs) who are available to advise and support on safeguarding matters 24/7 and have seen an increase in the numbers of referrals made by our operational crews.

Katie Davis, Safeguarding Development Officer, said: *"We have made a significant progress but there is always more to be done. We are looking forward to providing access to more training opportunities, both online and face-to-face, and working with our colleagues, partners and communities to ensure our safeguarding arrangements are as strong as they can be."*

If you have any safeguarding concerns in work or would like to know more about safeguarding, please visit our intranet page.

Please contact our Safeguarding Development Officer Katie Davis at davisk@manchesterfire.gov.uk if you have any questions or suggestions.

Find out more about the campaign and how to get involved on Ann Craft Trust's website

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GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE (GMFRS)

Home Fire Safety Assessments

From 5th January 2022, GMFRS will move from Safe and Well visits to Home Fire Safety Assessments (HFSAs). They'd like to make partners and teams aware of a change to their referral pathway, which goes live on 5th January to support the new service offer.

New Referral Pathway

A link to an 'Online Home Fire Safety Check' will be available on the GMFRS website. Householders or third-party referrers (including partner organisations) can click the link to open up an online check which the user will complete by selecting answers to a series of questions about fire safety in the home.

The system will use the answers entered to determine the presenting level of fire risk and establish whether the householder who is being referred is eligible for an HFSA. If they are, it will present an online referral form which can then be completed and submitted. The form is received by GMFRS Contact Centre staff who will telephone the householder to make the HFSA appointment.

Low-risk householders, who are not eligible for an HFSA, will be provided with personalised online fire safety advice when they complete the online check. The advice can be read, downloaded or printed.

Partners can recommend that their service users self-refer or can make a third-party referral, on their behalf, with their agreement. If you are making a third-party referral, please ensure you have the postcode of the person you are referring and are equipped to answer questions about them and their household, such as whether they have smoke alarms, whether anyone smokes or has health and social care needs that could increase their risk of fire. Making the referral with the person present could help you to ensure the information provided is accurate.

We recognise that not everybody has online access and so referrals will be accepted and triaged over the telephone for householders or partners without online access. The GMFRS freephone telephone number is 0800 555 815. However, partners are encouraged to use the online pathway where possible.

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Fire Safety Partnership Newsletter: Sign up now

GMFRS is also inviting colleagues to sign up to their NEW Fire Safety Partnership newsletter, providing a regular update about the services on offer in our communities and how to access them. The newsletter will also provide articles about their prevention campaigns and latest fire safety advice, as well as information about how you and your teams can work in partnership with the service.

GMFRS value your support with helping to keep communities in Stockport safe from fire, and hope that you'll sign up to receive the newsletter to help improve communication.

To sign up click [here](#) and fill in your:

- Email Address
- First Name
- Last Name
- Organisation
- Tick the Email box
- Click the Subscribe button

Within 10-15 minutes you will receive a welcome email containing the first edition of the newsletter. If it does not arrive, please check your spam/junk folders. If you have any issues, please email preventioneducation@manchesterfire.gov.uk

DOMESTIC SERVITUDE

[The Report](#) which specifically looked at migrant women survivors of Domestic Servitude (DS), a hidden form of Modern Slavery. This tells the stories of migrant women unveiling consequences of Domestic Servitude, following awareness raising across Greater Manchester

LAUNCH OF NEW POLICY AND PROCEDURES

[Safeguarding Adults Inter Agency Policy and Procedure Guidelines](#)

If you need to complete a Safeguarding referral please complete [here](#)

ESTABLISHING INTEGRATED CARE BOARDS

COVID-19, and experience over the last few years has demonstrated the importance of different parts of the health and care system working together in the best interests of the public and patients, despite the legislative barriers.

The proposed Health and Care Bill implements NHS England's recommendations to support integration by legislating for every part of England to be covered by an Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). This builds on the existing non-statutory ICSs across England.

What the Bill will do?

The Bill will allow for the establishment of Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships across England. This will be done at the same time as abolishing Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). The ICB will take on the NHS commissioning functions of CCGs as well as some of NHS England's commissioning functions. It will also be accountable for NHS spend and performance within the system.

The Board of the ICB will, as a minimum, include a chair, the CEO and representatives from NHS providers, general practice and local authorities. Beyond that, ICBs will have the flexibility to determine governance arrangements in their area – including the ability to create committees and delegate functions to them. This would, for example, allow systems to create local 'place'-based committees to plan care where appropriate. ICBs will also need to ensure they have appropriate clinical advice when making decisions.

NHS England will agree ICBs' constitutions and will hold them to account for delivery. NHSE are also enabling the transition of commissioning responsibilities for primary care services to ICBs. Currently, this sits with NHSE, but primary medical care services have been successfully delegated to CCGs for some time. The intention is that ICBs could be responsible for the commissioning and arranging of primary medical services, dentistry (primary, community and secondary services), community pharmacy and general ophthalmology in the future with NHS England retaining a more limited oversight role.

Staff currently employed by CCGs will transfer to ICBs, and NHS England has made an employment commitment to staff to provide stability and minimise uncertainty. Each area will also have an Integrated Care Partnership or ICP, a joint committee which brings together the ICB and their partner local authorities, and other locally determined representatives (for example from health, social care, public health; and potentially others, such as social care or housing providers).

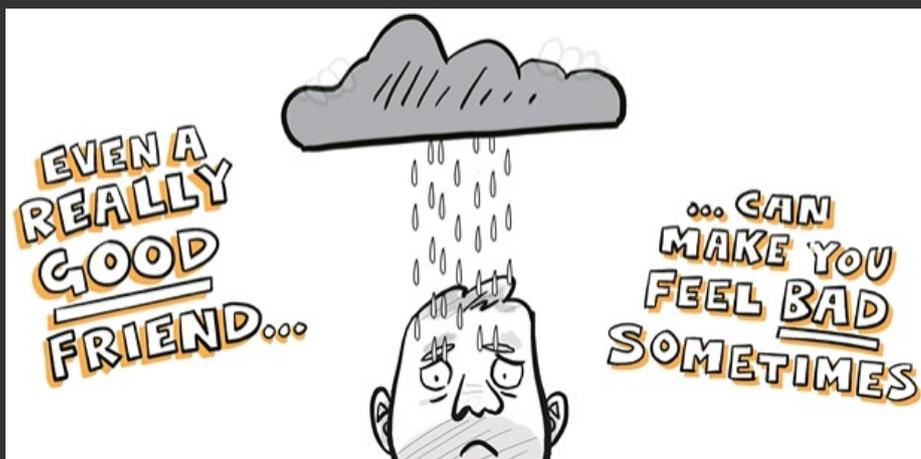
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The ICP will be tasked with developing a strategy to address the health, social care and public health needs of their system, and being a forum to support partnership working. The ICB and local authorities will have to have regard to ICP strategies when making decisions.

The ICB and ICP will also have to work closely with local Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) as they have the experience as 'place-based' planners, and the ICB will be required to have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs) produced by HWBs.

Subject to the passing of the health & Care Bill through parliamentary processes integrated Care Boards will become statutory on 1st July, 2022.

'TRICKY FRIENDS' ANIMATION



Tricky Friends' is a 3 minute animation developed to help people to understand what good friendships are and when they might be harmful

It's important that people with learning disabilities and autism, those who have cognitive difficulties, and also children and young adults, have positive opportunities to make and maintain friendships. We want to help them to do this, to reduce the risk of harm and exploitation in groups who may be less able to recognise the intentions of others.

Tameside Safeguarding Adults Board would like to thank Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board for allowing us to use and adapt this video.

This animation can be used as a way to start those conversations, and keep adults safer while enjoying their friendships. A British Sign Language version is available. These have both been added to the website on the links below.

Tricky Friends Animation.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zv4yvDMhgHg

Tricky Friends Animation BSL Version.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9t-c63d7kt4

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SAFE SPACE FOR SURVIVORS OF CHURCH RELATED ABUSE

Please find below information relating to the above with supporting leaflets.

These have also been added to the news page on the TASPb Webpage.

www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-Briefing-Paper-Round-2.pdf

[www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-Tear-Off-Poster\(Final-CofE\).pdf](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-Tear-Off-Poster(Final-CofE).pdf)

[www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-Poster\(Final-CofE\).pdf](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-Poster(Final-CofE).pdf)

[www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-A5-Leaflets\(final-CofE\).pdf](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-A5-Leaflets(final-CofE).pdf)

[www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-3-way-Leaflet\(Final-CofE\).pdf](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/safeguardingadults/Safe-Spaces-3-way-Leaflet(Final-CofE).pdf)

RAISING AWARENESS DIARY DATES FEBRUARY - MAY 2022

Dignity Action Day

1st February 2022

www.dignityincare.org.uk/Dignity-in-Care-events/Dignity_Action_Day

LGBT+ History Month

1st February - 28th
February 2022

lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk

Time to Talk Day Mental Health

3rd February 2022

www.rethink.org/get-involved/awareness-days-and-events/time-to-talk-day

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RAISING AWARENESS DIARY DATES NOVEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

**International Day
for Zero Tolerance to
FGM**

6th February 2022

[International Day of Zero Tolerance for
Female Genital Mutilation | United Nations](#)

**Sexual Abuse and
Sexual Awareness
Week and Hate Crime
Awareness Week**

7th February - 13th
February 2022

[#ITSNOTOK Sexual Abuse and Sexual
Awareness Week](#)

**Young Carers Action
Day**

16th March 2022

[Young Carers Action Day 2022 resources](#)

There are many awareness dates and events taking place so if you are supporting a different Day please make us aware.

Tell us what and why you are supporting a day and what you are doing so we can share.

TASPB UPDATES

NEWS UPDATES - NEW TO WEBPAGE

Policy and Procedures

www.tameside.gov.uk/adultservices/policyandprocedures

Safeguarding Adult Review Information.

[TASPB Safeguarding Adult Review page](#)

SAFEGUARDING NETWORK

To assist with the completion of safeguarding documents - guidance has been distributed to all safeguarding adult managers and is available to download.

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/socialcare/adultabuse/policy>

Contact us at ProtectAdults@tameside.gov.uk if you would like further information or any information you would like to include in the next e-brief

