



# NEWSLETTER

## Doncaster Safeguarding Partnership Newsletter

### Calendar of Safeguarding Events

As we all may know, there are numerous days and weeks across the year that contribute to raising awareness around safeguarding or preventative work. Please see below for the calendar link:



#### Future Editions

If you have anything you wish to share about good practice or updates within your service for the Newsletter please contact:

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### Welcome to the latest edition of the Doncaster Safeguarding Partnership's newsletter!

In this edition you will find information on:

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Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board are thrilled to be able to announce that we have recruited **Community Board Members!** It is a great opportunity for someone in Doncaster with real, lived experience to join us, and share the voice of the community and help influence decision making for their area.

We look forward to sharing the work of the DSAB with them and hearing their views to help shape what we do



### SCIE Events

### Co-Production Week

#### **New co-production impact resource**

The Co-production week took place the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July. It celebrated the benefits of co-production, shared good practice and promoted the contribution of people who access care and support in developing better social care.

The new IMPACT tool was launched to support practitioners develop and deliver co-produced services.

For further information about the Co-Production week and other events that SCIE hold please visit:

[Social Care Institute for Excellence \(SCIE\)](#)

## A word from our DSAB Independent Chair

A lot of issues have been profiled at recent national chairs network that we should ensure we are well sighted on. A presentation on CQC inspections today reported that areas for focus in all areas are transitional safeguarding and the engagement with those in recent receipt of services. I think we also need assurance about other points of transition, for example discharge from hospital and prison. A review of many recent SARs by Michael Preston Shoot will profile these areas which we could use to benchmark practice in Doncaster.



Other areas that have been prioritised through SARs and that have been escalated to the chairs network for national consideration, focus on those who are often out of sight, for example Wharton Hall clientele. There is also national commissioning issue which have been raised in a briefing note to the new government.

Links with Prisons continues to be a challenge and it is pleasing that we will have reports from the 4 local prisons at the next SAB.

## Safeguarding Awareness Week – November 2024

Planning is now underway for the upcoming South Yorkshire Safeguarding Awareness which will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.

Keep your eyes peeled within the new month for details of the activities and events taking place in Doncaster to help raise awareness for keeping yourself and others safe.

Further details will become available via the next newsletter, as well as the Safeguarding Adults and Children's websites below.

DSAB – [Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board \(DSAB\) - City of Doncaster Council](#)

DSCP – [About Us | Doncaster Safeguarding Children Partnership \(dscp.org.uk\)](#)

## Section 42 Training and Safeguarding Awareness Training is now available on developing you!

A wide variety of online training courses are now available on our eLearning website developing you as part of the Safeguarding Adults training. This includes Safeguarding Awareness, Section 42 training and a number of classroom courses available to book.

For more details, visit: <https://doncaster.learningpool.com/>

## Multi-agency Induction Training

More Multi-agency Safeguarding Induction training dates are now available. You can book onto these course dates using the link:

<https://buy.doncaster.gov.uk/>

The next session is the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 9am to 4.30pm.

## Good Practice in Adults St. Leger Homes OF DONCASTER

### Case Study (St Leger Homes of Doncaster)

A home visit to complete repairs resulted in a safeguarding case as the work required could not be completed due to hoarding, the level of which was blocking access to rooms.

The housing officer visited and spoke with the tenant and through discussion established that the tenant enjoyed buying items online. The tenant agreed that 'things had got out of hand' but he did not want to resell anything. The housing officer suggested donating the items to charity. Once convinced that donating some of the items to charity would make good use of them, the tenant agreed to do this with help and support.

St Leger Homes initiated a multi-agency approach by convening a Self-Neglect and Hoarding meeting and the following actions were agreed:

- Safeguarding Adults to contact tenant to offer a Care Act assessment.
- Wellbeing to visit the tenant and offer support.
- St Leger Homes to complete a financial assessment with the tenant to ascertain if the funding required to remove the items and cleanse the property was affordable.

The tenant engaged with all partners.

The financial assessment revealed that the funding required was not affordable to the tenant. St Leger Homes offered to fund the work required and recharge the tenant who accepted the offer.

75% of the contents of the property were removed.

As a result, the repairs were completed, the home is now warm and tidy, and the tenant is now able to pursue his interest in painting.

## Safeguarding Adult Reviews April to June 2024

Please see below the infographic identifying emerging themes from National reviews. There are a number of lessons learned we can take from National learning into Doncaster practice.



For further information relating to Serious Case Reviews and Lessons learned, please visit:

[nationalnetwork.org.uk/search.html](https://nationalnetwork.org.uk/search.html)

[Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board \(DSAB\) - City of Doncaster Council](#)

## How to book onto Safeguarding Children's Training – Buy Doncaster

All bookings must be made via Buy Doncaster – advice on setting up these accounts can be gained by emailing

[BuyDoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:BuyDoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk) if you have any difficulties.

There are a wide range of courses available throughout the year which can be found on the [Buy Doncaster](#) website.

To be added to the distribution list for the learning and development calendar please send an email to Safeguarding Partnership Training:

[sptraining@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:sptraining@doncaster.gov.uk)



### Lunch and learn sessions across Adults and Childrens

We have a variety of short training sessions taking place over the lunch period on a variety of topics such as South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Safe and Well and Self-Neglect.

You can find out what lunch and learn sessions are available using the link below.

<https://buy.doncaster.gov.uk/>



## Doncaster Safeguarding Children's Partnership Update



**DONCASTER SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP**

### Private Fostering

Private fostering occurs when a parent arranges for a child to be cared for by someone other than a parent or a close relative for 28 days or longer. Although this will usually be a continuous period this is not always the case A close relative means either, a step-parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt or uncle - either by blood or marriage. A child in this context is anyone under the age of 16 or a disabled young person under 18.

All private fostering arrangements must be reported to Doncaster City Council. In principle this should be before the arrangement is made but if this has not happened, they should be reported as soon as practicable.

Many professionals who meet children and families may identify private fostering arrangements. They have a duty to:

- Encourage the parent/carer to report the private fostering arrangement.
- Provide information about private fostering.
- Report the arrangement if the parent or carer fails to.

Tel: [01302 737789](tel:01302737789) Email: [fostering&adoption@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:fostering&adoption@doncaster.gov.uk)

### MASH Services

It is important when we have a concern regarding a child/family that we report this concern. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard children and families and report concerns we have. Accessing the front door allows us to inform Children's Social Care of our concern. Please visit their webpage for further information.

If you are worried about a child and wish to speak to someone, you can contact by calling [01302 737777](tel:01302737777) between 8:30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Outside of these hours call [01302 796000](tel:01302796000)

You can email securely with additional information at [childrenassessmentsservice@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:childrenassessmentsservice@doncaster.gov.uk)

[Doncaster Children's Social Services - Front Door](#)



# Introduction to Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD) training

23rd of September 2024

Course length: 3 hours

Course type: Virtual

Continuing Professional Development accredited

Suitable for a wide range of practitioners of all levels across health, social care, education, drug and alcohol services, housing services and criminal justice.

The session is delivered by an FASD specialist to the preferred UK FASD language guide and best practice in FASD training guide. This course provides a detailed introduction to FASD and includes the latest guidance and policy on FASD including terminology pre and post NICE Quality Standards, discussion about effect of alcohol in pregnancy, prevalence with discussion re high-risk groups, how FASD can present across the lifespan, it looks at how to get a diagnosis and the SIGN guidance, associated issues, what can happen without support, mental capacity and points to where to learn more.



## LADO

Local Authority Designated Officer – LADO

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) is responsible for managing and overseeing concerns, allegations or offences relating to staff and volunteers in any organisation across a local authority area. All safeguarding allegations about people who work with children, in statutory or voluntary organisations, must be referred to the LADO.

A referral to the LADO must be made within 24 working hours if there is information about a person indicating they have:

- Behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child.
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child or,
- Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates they may pose a risk of harm to children or be unsuitable to work with children.

If there is an allegation with regard to someone who works with children about children they care for in another capacity, then this potentially has implications for their professional role and must also be referred to the LADO.

Any allegation may require potentially three different enquiries:

- A police investigation.
- A child protection enquiry.
- A disciplinary enquiry.

The LADO will ensure that enquiries are managed appropriately and that information is shared between the police, social care and the employer. The LADO will discuss with the employer how the person who the allegation is about will be supported and managed whilst enquiries are being undertaken and how children will be kept safe whilst enquiries are ongoing. If it is evidenced that someone is unsafe to work with children the LADO will ensure required actions have been taken including, when necessary, referring to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

For further details about the referral process please visit: [Local Authority Designated Officer - City of Doncaster Council](#)

Procedure for Responding to Allegations Against Staff, Carers and Volunteers: [https://doncasterscb.proceduresonline.com/p\\_alleg\\_against\\_staff.html](https://doncasterscb.proceduresonline.com/p_alleg_against_staff.html)

Anyone with concerns about a person's suitability to work with children should contact the LADO for advice and guidance.

For further advice, information and referrals please email [LADO@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:LADO@doncaster.gov.uk). For urgent enquiries telephone [01302 737332](tel:01302737332)

# Learning from Reviews April to June 2024

Please see below the infographic identifying emerging themes from National reviews. There are a number of lessons learned we can take from National learning into Doncaster practice.

 **Thematic Learning from Reviews**  
Quarter 1 2024 April to June  
National Context

### National Picture

In Quarter 1, April to June 2024 there have been 4 learning reviews published on the NSPCC Reviews section.

The reviews are from the following geographical areas:

Hartlepool/Stockton On Tees  
Solihull  
Lancashire  
Telford and Wreking



### Child Roo

- 7 month baby, cause of death still unknown.
- Neglect
- Domestic abuse
- Lack of professional curiosity
- Lack of multi-agency working
- Bruising in non mobile babies
- Escalation
- Training - brain development & domestic abuse
- ACE's



### Arthur Labinjo Hughes

- 6 year old murder
- Physical and emotional abuse towards Arthur
- History of domestic abuse
- Witnessing domestic abuse
- Lack of information sharing and partnership working
- Professional curiosity
- Training
- Family voice



### Baby Lily

- Death of 20 month old baby
- Co-sleeping
- Domestic abuse
- Neglect
- Risk assessments
- Support / Training - mum and staff
- Multi-agency working



### Baby known as Alfie

- 4 month old baby - non accidental injuries
- Bruising in non mobile babies
- Record keeping - misinformation
- Professional curiosity
- Adult mental health
- Co-existence of parental mental health
- Quick reactions health visitor



### Reoccurring Themes

- In 3 of the cases there have been themes around physical abuse of the child/baby, lack of professional curiosity, lack of multi-agency working and information sharing and neglect of the child/baby.
- 3 of the cases identify training needs for staff, and/or the families involved.
- 2 of the cases relate to bruising in non mobile babies.
- Only one of the cases gives reference to the family voice.

 **dscp.org.uk**

To find further information on learning reviews please visit any of the following websites:

[Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews | Doncaster Safeguarding Children Partnership \(dscp.org.uk\)](#)

[National Case Review Collection: a repository of published reports | NSPCC Learning](#)

[Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## Online Safety Net Campaign

The NSPCC Launched their Online Safety Net Campaign and held an event with professionals in Doncaster on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

The Doncaster Safety Net is a 12-month multi-agency campaign which aims to provide resources and advice to support parents and professionals to help keep children and young people safe in their digital world.

The campaign will work to support parents, carers and relevant professionals to feel confident in talking about online safety with the children they know and work with, so that children and young people know that they can always talk to someone about anything that is worrying them.

Information about the event can be found in the links below:

<https://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/news/doncaster-safety-net-campaign-shares-safeguarding-advice-with-professionals-across-the-city-4716774>

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/people/doncaster-safety-net-campaign-shares-safeguarding-advice-with-professionals-across-the-city-4716747>

For more details on the Online Safety Net Campaign, please visit [www.dscp.org.uk/parents-carers](http://www.dscp.org.uk/parents-carers) or email [YHandNECampaigns@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:YHandNECampaigns@NSPCC.org.uk)

