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Safeguarding Adults Week 2026
16 to 22 November

This year's theme is Every Voice. Every Choice. It's a reminder that good safeguarding starts by listening to people, respecting what matters to them and involving them in decisions about their own lives.

When people are supported to make choices, safeguarding can be more preventative, build trust and help individuals feel empowered. That's why the focus this year is on co-production and its central role in safeguarding adults.

Making Safeguarding Personal is an approach that focuses on the outcomes each person wants to achieve. Put simply, it is about making sure people are heard, have a real say in what happens next and can decide what feeling safe means to them.



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Message from Derby and Derbyshire SABs Independent Chairs

Welcome to **Safeguarding Adults Week 2026,** taking place from 16 to 22 November. The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards have developed a programme of learning and engagement opportunities to bring partners together, share learning and strengthen local safeguarding practice.

This year's national theme is **co production**, recognising the importance of working alongside people with lived experience to shape safeguarding practice, learning and service improvement. Co-production is about listening to people, and ensuring that lived experience makes a meaningful difference to the way safeguarding is delivered. Throughout the week, we will promote inclusive, person centred safeguarding practice and the importance of our partnerships with people with lived experience, carers and local communities.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Our programme includes two pre-recorded videos and seven webinars, drawing on local safeguarding priorities and learning identified through reviews and assurance activity across Derby and Derbyshire, including Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs), Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (formerly Domestic Homicide Reviews), Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) and LeDeR reviews.

We encourage you to explore the programme and join the sessions most relevant to your role and practice. Topics include:

- Making Safeguarding Personal and Inclusion
- Domestic Abuse
- Fire Safety and Fire Prevention
- Informal Carers
- Professional Curiosity
- Legal Literacy
- Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs)

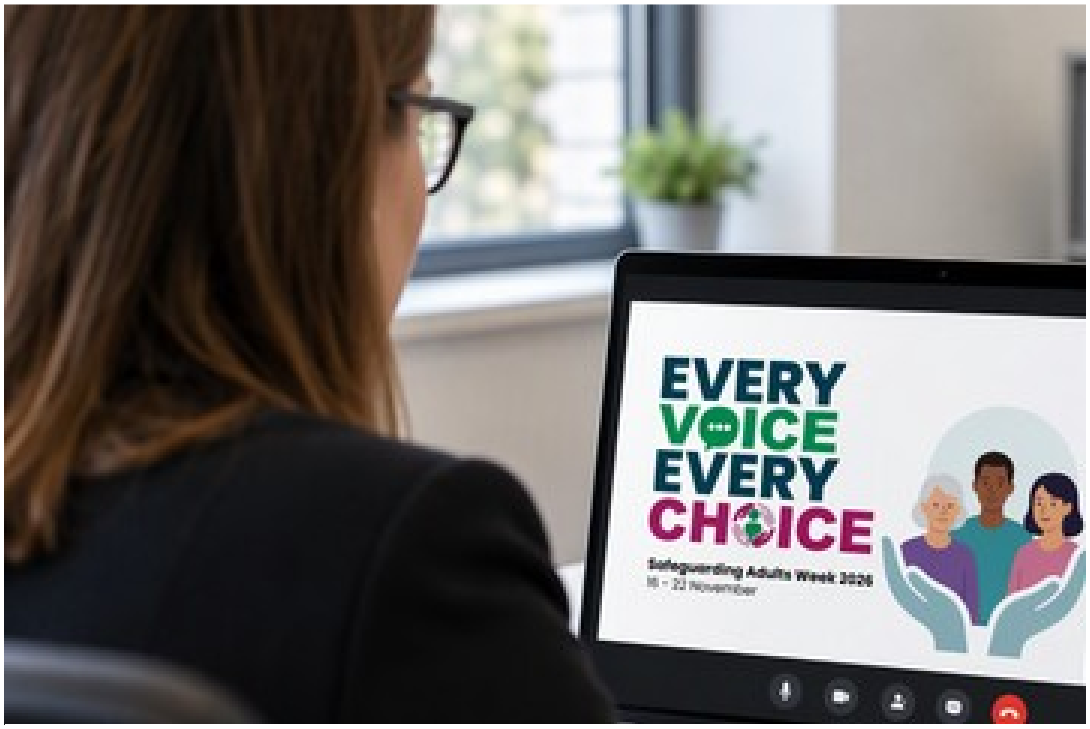
This special edition newsletter will provide you with further information and resources to support learning throughout the week.

Look out for our work with Chesterfield FC and Derby County FC taking place during Safeguarding Adults Week. You can find out more about this in the Safeguarding Adults Board newsletter and through social media.

Please take the opportunity to read the newsletter, book onto the learning sessions and share the Safeguarding Adults Week newsletter with colleagues across your organisation and networks.

Thank you to all our partner agencies, presenters, and participants who are contributing to Safeguarding Adults Week 2026. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and by learning and working together we can make a real difference.

Safeguarding Adults Week FREE webinar sessions



Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Boards are hosting training sessions to mark Safeguarding Adults Week 2026. These are FREE to practitioners and managers working for Derby and Derbyshire agencies and will all take place online via Microsoft Teams. Book yourself a place on the sessions by clicking the links below. If you have issues booking your place, please email SafeguardingTraining@derby.gov.uk, or call 01332 642961

Monday 16 November

- **10am to 11:30am - Professional Curiosity**

Tuesday 17 November

- **10am to 11:30am - Substance Use**
- **2pm to 4pm - Domestic Abuse/Probation**

Wednesday 18 November

- **10am to 11:30am - Making Safeguarding Personal and Inclusion**
- **2pm to 4pm - Legal Literacy**

Thursday 19 November

- **10am to 11:30am - Domestic Abuse/Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews**
- **2pm to 3pm - Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety and Prevention**

Free webinars from national partners

Monday 16 November

- Georgina Safeguarding Adults Review

- Working together for people with learning disabilities

Tuesday 17 November

- Intersectionality and capacity
- Where I Want to Live
- Voice, Choice and Lasting Powers of Attorney

Wednesday 18 November

- Making Safeguarding Personal

Thursday 19 November

- Professional Curiosity: Attorneys and Deputies
- Improving support and outcomes for carers

Friday 20 November

- Listening to and Working with Victims of Abuse
- Martin Safeguarding Adults Review

Find our more information about these events and book your place:

Free webinars from national partners supporting Safeguarding Adults Week

Safeguarding Co-Production Group: turning experience into improvement



Derbyshire County Council's Safeguarding Co-production Group brings adults, carers and professionals together to help shape better safeguarding practice, information and services across Derbyshire.

Making a difference

The group has already contributed to a wide range of safeguarding work. This includes helping to shape the safeguarding journey road map, the Section 42 end-of-enquiry system and thematic reporting, the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) safeguarding experience survey and feedback process, and questions about safe contact within safeguarding workflows.

Members have also reviewed Derbyshire County Council safeguarding webpages to support clearer navigation, helped develop safeguarding guidance and information for adults and carers, and contributed to the DSAB Think Family webpage and poster. Other work has included shaping Research and Practice Spotlight content on carers and promoting the *What to Expect in Safeguarding* leaflet.

The group has shared learning more widely through Safeguarding Adults Week recordings, engagement events and a DSAB development session.

- **Watch: Derbyshire County Council's Safeguarding Co-Production Group**
- **Watch: What does co-production mean to you?**

Its membership is also growing, with two colleagues representing home care agencies and one colleague representing a care home group recently joining.

Current priorities

Current priorities include improving how domestic abuse is identified and explored within adult social care assessments, improving information for carers involved in safeguarding, and reviewing safeguarding guidance and communications. The group also wants to improve communication with adults and carers throughout the safeguarding process and support learning about what makes a good safeguarding referral.

The involvement of Healthwatch is strengthening the group's approach to co-production. A Healthwatch representative now attends group meetings, bringing wider feedback, experiences and emerging themes into discussions, while also providing opportunities to learn from Healthwatch's approach to engagement and consider how participation can be made more meaningful.

Looking ahead

The group is working towards a strong and sustainable feedback loop in which people's safeguarding experiences lead to visible improvements in information, practice and services. This means widening and diversifying representation, involving people earlier in the development of policies, systems and resources, and maintaining strong links with the DSAB and wider co-production arrangements.

Just as importantly, the group wants to show clearly what has changed because people contributed and provide members with feedback about how their views have been used. By continuing to bring together lived experience and professional knowledge, the Safeguarding Co-production Group will help ensure that adults' and carers' voices remain central to safeguarding developments in Derbyshire.

The group is always keen to widen involvement and hear from adults, and carers with lived experience. If you, someone you care for, or someone you are working with has experience of Adult Social Care or safeguarding adults support and would like to help shape future practice, we would love to hear from you. Please contact ASCH.Safeguarding.Coproduction@derbyshire.gov.uk to find out more.

Learning Themes Library - your go-to hub



You'll find resources that help practitioners and managers improve their knowledge in areas where common learning themes have been identified across Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews, and LeDeR Reviews in Derbyshire and Derby City.

The Learning Themes Library includes the following key themes, each relevant to multiple review processes:

- Domestic abuse
- Fire safety
- Legal Literacy
- Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)
- Management of constipation and recognition of sepsis
- Multi-Agency working and information sharing
- Professional curiosity
- Substance use

- Unpaid Carers

Hosted on the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board website, the library is regularly updated to reflect new and emerging learning from reviews. Use the library to learn and improve your knowledge and confidence to drive better outcomes for the people we support.

Visit the Learning Themes Library

Are you Making Safeguarding Personal?



Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is about putting the individual at the heart of safeguarding, listening to what matters to them and focusing on the outcomes they want to achieve.

Our **Learning Themes Library** brings together a range of resources to help you develop your understanding and put MSP into practice. Discover practical guidance, resources for practitioners and trainers, myth-busting information and podcasts, an accessible guide explaining what adults can expect from the safeguarding process, and top tips for professionals visiting adults in their own homes.

Whether you are new to Making Safeguarding Personal or simply want to refresh your knowledge, take a few minutes to explore what's available.

Put the person, not the process, at the centre of safeguarding.

Explore Making Safeguarding Personal resources

A path to prevention - exploring safeguarding and Carer support



As part of Safeguarding Adults Week 2026, Derbyshire Carers Association and Derbyshire County Council have developed a webinar exploring the links between safeguarding, prevention and support for unpaid carers; Listening to Carers: **A Path to Prevention - Exploring Safeguarding and Carer Support.**

The recording highlights the vital role unpaid carers play in supporting vulnerable adults and explores how caring responsibilities can affect health, wellbeing and safeguarding outcomes. It also considers how practitioners can identify and support carers earlier, reduce the risk of crisis and work more effectively with families.

The session is designed to help us:

- Better understand the experiences and challenges faced by unpaid carers.
- Recognise the links between carer wellbeing, prevention and safeguarding.
- Identify potential safeguarding risks affecting carers and the people they support.
- Apply good practice when involving and supporting carers through safeguarding processes.
- Increase awareness of local support available for adult carers, young carers and young adult carers across Derbyshire and Derby

Thank you to everyone involved in producing this resource, especially to Gail who has shared her personal carer story to highlight how we can all improve outcomes for carers and the people they support, through awareness and good practice.

Build your confidence with legal literacy



The Care Act 2014 provides the legal framework for protecting adults at risk of abuse or neglect, but applying the law confidently in day-to-day practice can sometimes feel challenging. That's where the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board's Learning Themes Library can help.

The library brings together practical guidance and resources for practitioners and managers, based on recurring learning from local review processes. It covers a growing range of safeguarding topics, with the legal literacy page offering a particularly useful starting point for strengthening knowledge and confidence.

On the legal literacy page, you can explore practical information to help you recognise relevant legal duties, balance safety with people's rights and choices, make proportionate decisions, and record your reasoning clearly. New to the page is the Board's handy one-page briefing on legal literacy in safeguarding practice, which is available to read and download.

Take a look at the Learning Themes Library and visit the legal literacy page to explore the resources, refresh your knowledge and build confidence in your safeguarding practice.

You Know the Person, We Know the Risk - Let's Help Prevent Fire Together



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Fire & Rescue Service
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You know the person,

we know the risk,

let's help prevent fire together

DFRS Prevention Department

Want to learn more about the work Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service does and how you can help keep our communities safe?

A big thank you to Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS), who have created a video for practitioners as part of Safeguarding Adults Week 2026. Fire safety and fire prevention have been themes in recent Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs), so this resource has been developed to support practitioners across partner agencies to recognise and respond to fire risks.

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service has produced a 30-minute session, **You Know the Person, We Know the Risk – Let's Help Prevent Fire Together**.

The session is designed to help partner organisations:

- Recognise fire risks
- Understand the support available from DFRS
- Make confident referrals to DFRS

Practitioners can also book onto the **DFRS Fire Safety and Fire Prevention Q&A webinar** on **Thursday 19 November, 2pm to 3pm**, where there will be an opportunity to ask DFRS colleagues further questions about the information shared in the video. Book a place for the Q&A session

Spireites team up to tackle scams during Safeguarding Adults Week



Chesterfield FC is teaming up with Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board during Safeguarding Adults Week, from 16 to 22 November 2026, to help people recognise, prevent, and report scams and fraud.

Sadly, scammers are getting smarter and can target anyone. Warning signs may include unusual transactions in your bank account, missing money or possessions, sudden changes in someone's finances, or pressure to hand over money or disclose personal

information. Look out for your family, friends and neighbours. If something does not feel right, stop, check and speak to someone you trust.

Visit the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board stall in the Chesterfield FC Community Café on 21st November 2026 for simple tips on spotting scams, staying safe and finding support.

Give fraud the boot



Give fraud the boot with Derbyshire Constabulary's #SockItToTheScammers campaign. Featuring Claude the pink puppet, the videos highlight common scams and simple ways to stay protected: www.derbyshire.police.uk/SockItToTheScammers

Remember Claude's top advice: Stop! Think Fraud. Pause before clicking links, sharing information or following instructions. Always consider if it could be fraud, and if you're unsure, stop and check using a trusted contact method.

Anyone can be caught out. Taking a moment to pause could protect you, your money and your personal information. If you think you have been targeted, report it. Call Report Fraud on 0300 123 4040 or visit www.reportfraud.police.uk to report.

Report Fraud will be able to take further details, give advice and if appropriate, pass the details to your local police force for investigation. If someone is at immediate risk of harm, call 999.

The Big Con

Criminal tactics are constantly changing, this is why Derbyshire Constabulary's fraud team have created The Big Con – a regular newsletter highlighting the latest scams and how to protect against them.

Pick up a copy from the stall in Chesterfield FC's Community Café on 21st November 2026, or visit www.derbyshire.police.uk/TheBigCon

Taking safeguarding in to the community - through football!

Derby Safeguarding Adults Board (DASB) joins forces with local partners to champion safer, kinder and more supportive communities.

This November, Derby Safeguarding Adults Board have teamed up with the Ann Craft Trust, Derby County Community Trust, Derby County Football Club and Active Derbyshire to raise awareness of Safeguarding Adults Week 2026 and share an important message: Everyone deserves to feel safe, respected, listened to and heard.

This year's theme, **'Every Choice, Every Voice'**, reminds us that safeguarding is not simply about protecting people from harm. It is also about *'making safeguarding personal'* by empowering adults, respecting their choices and ensuring their voices are at the heart of decisions that affect their lives.



On Tuesday 3 November, we joined thousands of football fans at Derby County FC's home fixture against Norwich City FC, using the power of football to spark conversations, raise awareness and encouraged everyone to play their part in keeping adults safe.

Before kick-off, we engaged with supporters and welcomed children and families into Harrison's Hub, where fun, interactive activities promoted kindness, care, respect and looking out for one another.

Specialist support was also available on the day to offer advice, guidance and signposting for anyone who may have had concerns about the safety or wellbeing of an adult.

Throughout Safeguarding Adults Week, safeguarding messages and campaign posters will be showcased on Derby County Football Club's external digital screens, providing a high-profile platform to raise awareness of adult safeguarding across Derby. By taking our message beyond the stadium and into the wider community, we hope to encourage more people to recognise the signs of abuse, understand where to seek support, and remember that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

The Derby Safeguarding Adults Board are also promoting safeguarding information and campaign resources throughout the week, reinforcing the message that everyone has the right to live free from abuse and neglect and that support is available when it is needed. Our message is simple: Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility, and sometimes the smallest actions can make the biggest difference.

Whether it's noticing when someone is struggling, taking time to listen or knowing where to turn for help, we all have a role in creating safer communities.

A Big Thank You to Derby County FC and Derby County Community Trust!

We are incredibly grateful to Derby County Football Club and Derby County Community Trust for supporting this important campaign and helping us reach thousands of people.

From sharing safeguarding messages across the stadium's internal and external screens to featuring our campaign in the matchday programme and highlighting it during half-time, the club is helping us take safeguarding conversations beyond traditional services and into the heart of our communities.

Together, We Can Make a Difference

Sport and physical activity have an incredible ability to bring people together, build relationships and create a sense of belonging. They also provide valuable opportunities to notice when someone may need support, offer a listening ear and help people access the right services.

#EveryChoiceEveryVoice #MakingSafeguardingPersonal

Because everyone deserves to be heard, to make informed choices and to have people around them who will listen, support and act when needed.





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