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On 23rd March the country came together for the national Day of Reflection.

This day not only marked a year since the lockdown, but also gave some much needed time to think about those lives lost, lives saved, and to pay thanks and respect for the outstanding work of colleagues right across health and social care.

It also gave people the opportunity to reflect on and give thanks to those many people across North Yorkshire & beyond who have shown kindness and given much needed support to those most in need in our communities.

The last 12 months have been unprecedented and incredibly difficult for many, and although the Government has shared its ‘roadmap’ out of lockdown, there will be many changes to the way we live and challenges we will have to face.

Many people are exhausted, weary and uncertain of what is to come yet examples given by our partners at the Board meeting in March demonstrate how people continue to come together to ensure adults across the county are kept safe and it’s these qualities of togetherness, collaboration and kindness that will help support us through the coming months.

Whilst Covid has inevitably taken priority, safeguarding does not stop and work has continued across the Board. This newsletter highlights some of the key pieces of work that we have carried out and will continue to build on.

In ending I would, as ever, like to give huge thanks to those who continue to work tirelessly to support those who are most at risk across North Yorkshire and beyond.

We see the difference you are making.

Thank you all.

Dr Sue Proctor

Independent Chair, NYSAB

We ask that the **One Minute Guide to Information Sharing** is shared throughout your networks and organisations. You can find the [**OMG here on our website**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/working-with-adults/one-minute-guides-omg/information-sharing/)

**Why is it information sharing important to safeguarding?**

Information sharing is vital to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of adults.

A key factor identified in may **Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)** has been a failure by practitioners to record information, to share it, to understand its significance and then take appropriate action.

**Information Sharing**

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**One Minute Guide (OMG)**

The Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) in relation to ‘Anne’ looks at the actions of the agencies involved in supporting ‘Anne’, who died in 2018.

The review looked specifically at the multi-agency response to ‘Anne’s’ need in the period prior to her death.

[**The full report can be found here.**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SAR-Anne-report.pdf)

As agreed with her family, the pseudonym of ‘Anne’ has been used for this review.

We thank ‘Anne’s’ family for their help with this review during this difficult time for them.

**WELCOME**

**SAB Learning**

**‘Anne’ SAR**

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**News from the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board**

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Meet Sam Suttar, the LDPB Keeping Safe Champion.

Sam is a self-advocate who is passionate about keeping people safe. Along with other self-advocates, Sam has worked with the NYSAB to co-produce keeping safe guides, Hate Crime Awareness podcast & many other resources.

Congratulations Sam. We are looking forward to working with you again.

In the meantime you can keep up to date with the work of the LDPB by [**visiting the NY Partnerships website.**](https://nypartnerships.org.uk/keepingsafe)

**Learning Disability Partnership Board Keeping Safe Champion**

At the Board meeting In March, Sue Peckitt, Chief Nurse at North Yorkshire CCG updated on a new scheme that was developed18 months ago to share good practice and improve outcomes for people with complex needs.

Scarborough Borough Council and NYCC have looked at a new model including a full-time mental health worker and a part-time psychologist. The council have provided support around rough sleeping with 8 units of accommodation. As the project develops, it is hoped there may be more.

Longer term solutions and funding are required however a longer-term plan would be to provide a specific building for the multi-agency work.

Partnership work with Horizons and council staff has been done to support people with drugs and alcohol.

This partnership work has been excellent despite COVID.

Volunteers continue to do amazing work to support people during lockdown & play a vital role in supporting local communities as well as keeping those who are most at risk of abuse, harm and neglect safe.

The role of the volunteer is vital in supporting local communities.

As a volunteer you may become aware of things which concern you or don’t feel right. If you have concerns we want you to know what to do and where to go for help.

Our **One Minute Guide to Volunteering during Covid-19** has all of the information you need. The OMG is available [**here on our website.**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/working-with-adults/one-minute-guides-omg/volunteering-in-north-yorkshire-during-covid-19/)

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**Safeguarding Adults when Volunteering in North Yorkshire**

**Improving Outcomes for those with Complex Needs**

As a result of NHS funding, a suicide prevention programme at grassroots, community prevention level was rolled out in March 2019.

Since then, additional funding means that 31 projects have been delivered by 24 providers.

You can find the full update on the Suicide Prevention Programme and Head First [**on our website.**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Head-first-and-Suicide-prevention-update.docx)

**Suicide Prevention Programme**

**Head First**

Head First is North Yorkshire’s first mental health training Hub. It was developed last year and launched in September.

Through the Hub local news, resources and training – both online and face to face (when safe to do so), are provided.

Together with the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, the NYSAB have published a **training standards document for organisations** to use to assist partners in identifying the minimum requirements which should be in place across all organisations that work with adults.

The training standards document[**can be found here.**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Multi-Agency-Training-Standards-Document-NYSCP-and-NYSAB.pdf)

[**The full report can be found here.**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SAR-Anne-report.pdf)

Level 2 (Safeguarding Adults – Raising a concern) & Level 2 (Safeguarding Concerns Manager Training) competencies have been refreshed and more information [**can be found here on our website.**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/learning-research/training-courses/)

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**Safeguarding Training**

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**Calendar of Activity**

The Calendar or Activity brings together the **Joint Partnership Campaigns** of the **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children’s Partnership (NYSCP), the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP) and the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)** as well as existing campaigns and awareness days which the partnerships will support. It also includes individual Board and Partnership activity. It is also important to note that the calendar will be added to and updated throughout the year.

You can find the calendar [**here on our website**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/working-with-adults/campaigns-and-awareness/calendar-of-activity/)

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**Joint Partnership Strategy**

Having a joint approach to engaging and communicating with adults, children, young people and communities helps to ensure messages to keep themselves and others safe is consistent, effective and shaped by people’s feedback and experiences.

**You can download the strategy and supplementary guide from** [**our website here.**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/working-with-adults/campaigns-and-awareness/calendar-of-activity/)

The joint engagement & community strategy will outline the best methods to communicate messages that we have identified through engagement with our respective audiences.

The strategy also highlights the importance of listening to others and not only engaging to find out what they want to tell us but how they want to tell us and how people want us to show that we have listened.

**Joint Engagement and Communication**

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Keep up to date with all things Safeguarding Children by visiting

[**www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk**](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk)

**Are you following NYSCP on their social media channels?**

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership would like to encourage individuals to sign up to their monthly e-bulletin [**via this link**](https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/nyscp-e-bulletin)

**North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP)**

The evidence is clear that access to nature is crucial for our mental health and millions of people re-discovered that during lockdowns this year.

However, this was not the same for all of us.

We want to explore what the barriers are and ensure everyone is able to share in the natural world and experience the mental health benefits.

[**For more information visit the Mental Health Foundation website.**](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week)

**The theme of the national campaign is ‘Nature’**

**Mental Health Awareness Week**

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**10th – 16th May**

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**Upcoming Awareness Campaigns**

**29th March - 4th April - World Autism Awareness Week**

**20th - 24th April - National Stalking Awareness Week**

**10th - 16th May - Mental Health Awareness Week**

**1st - 7th June - Volunteers Week**

**8th - 14th June - Carers Week**

**15th - 21st June - Learning Disability Week**

**21st - 27th June - North Yorkshire & York Safeguarding Week**

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**Keeping Safe Guides**

The Safeguarding Adults Board worked with the North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board and Inclusion North to write some easy read books about ‘Keeping Safe’ which you can find on our website by clicking [**here**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/keeping-safe/easy-read-guides/)

A Keeping Safe activity pack for use with the guides is also available

You can access the activities on our website by clicking [**here**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/keeping-safe/easy-read-guides/)

The audio versions of the guides are now available too and [**they can be found here**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/keeping-safe/easy-read-guides/)

**Worried about someone or need help?**

**Abuse is always wrong. No one should have to face abuse. By reporting it you can bring it to an end.**

If you or the person you are concerned about is in danger and immediate action is required, you should ring the emergency services on **999.**

If you or the person you are concerned about are not in immediate danger, you should ring our customer services centre on **01609 780 780.** This includes out of office hours.

The Minicom number is **01609 779 838**

**Get in touch**

If there is anything you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter or you simply want to get in touch or to keep up to date with the work of the NYSAB you can contact us using the methods below

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