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

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I would like to welcome you to the October edition of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board newsletter.

We publish this following the recent publication of our Annual Report for 2020-21.

Unsurprisingly the 2020-21 report captures the work that has been undertaken by the Board and its partners across North Yorkshire in response to Covid and particularly the fantastic work that has been carried out by organisations, volunteers and communities to safeguard adults at risk across North Yorkshire throughout the pandemic.

It was also important that we highlighted the other work that has been carried out throughout the year and that which has been achieved by the Board during 2020-21, not least the learning from our safeguarding adult reviews, our joint working with the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Community Safety Partnerships as well as the work of our sub-groups, local safeguarding partnerships and the continued engagement and communications work.

This report also affords us the opportunity to look ahead to the work we will be carrying out in the coming year and sets out our strategic plan for 2021-23.

Because despite the pressures that we all face we still have a collective duty to safeguard adults at risk in North Yorkshire and by working together to deliver these priorities, we can prevent abuse and neglect.

In ending I would like to say a really big thank you to the self-advocates, community groups and organisations who have been involved in working with us to co-produce our accessible annual report, strategic priorities and keeping safe resources. Thank you for working with us and sharing your experiences and ideas to help us on our way to become a fully accessible and inclusive Board. We hope this encourages others to do the same.

Thank you!

Dr Sue Proctor

Independent Chair, NYSAB

**WELCOME**

In February 2021 the BY SAB published the findings from SAR ‘Anne’.

To capture the key learning points from the SAR and its recommendations a 7-minute briefing has been created.

You can find this, along with a 6-month delivery report on the actions of the SAR, here: <https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/SAR-Anne>

We ask that the briefing is shared throughout your organisations, teams and networks.

**What is the DEWA system?**

The process through which local, regional and national illicit drug intelligence is reported, investigated and cascaded across the North Yorkshire ‘system’.

It has been designed to reduce the risk of potential harm or death related to drug misuse.

**IT IS INTENDED FOR A PROFESSIONAL AUDIENCE - NOT THE PUBLIC**

We ask that the **One Minute Guide to DEWA** 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/drug-early-warning-and-alert-system)

**Drug Early Warning and Alert (DEWA) System**

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**One Minute Guide (OMG)**

**SAR ‘Anne’**

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**SAB Learning**

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On Monday 18th October we published our annual report.. The report details the work that has been undertaken by the Board and its partners over between 2020 – 2021 and sets out what we aim to do in the next year.

The report highlights the efforts of all those across North Yorkshire who have worked tirelessly during the Covid pandemic to keep adults at risk safe from harm, abuse and neglect.

It was also important that we captured all of the other work the Board has carried out and there is more about this in the report.

We have also produced accessible versions of the report including an easy read summary, an audio version and a one page visual guide all of which, along with the full report, are available here:

[**https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/annual-reports**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/annual-reports)

**Please share widely throughout your communities & organisations. Thank you.**

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**Strategic Priorities 2021-2023**

Following agreement at the SAB meeting in June, work has been undertaken to put the Board’s strategic priorities for 2021-2023 into public facing documents. This not only ensures we are continuing with our commitment to make the information we produce and share accessible but also makes the strategic priorities meaningful to the people of North Yorkshire.

We have created a plain English version of the priorities, a one page graphic and an easy read version.

All of which can be found here on the NYSAB website: <https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/strategic-priorities>

Please share these documents throughout your networks, organisations and wider communities.

**NYSAB Annual Report 2020 - 2021**

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**Sinking Feeling Film**

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We often ask people who are struggling with thoughts of suicide or self-harm to reach out for help and support.

This 90-second film from PAPYRUS shows just how important it is that we reach in to help and support.

[Click here to watch their video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEuo_QZXKM8)

If you are struggling or are worried about someone, you are not alone.

There’s lots of support available and there are people who want to help.

You can contact **PAPYRUS Hopeline on 0800 068 4141** or call the **Samaritans on 116 123**

[Click here for more support and contact details.](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/suicide-prevention)

The **NYSAB, Safeguarding Children Partnership** and **Community Safety Partnership** hosted a s**uicide prevention webina**r featuring a small panel answered questions, discussed services and support available, action that you can and needs to be taken - particularly in relation to training and the personal and professional responsibility of people to help address suicide prevention.

The mix of panellists ensured we heard different perspectives on a key issue whilst highlighting a collective aim to address what we can to prevent suicide - ***creating hope through action***

[**Click here to watch the webinar**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kg86YcxEoKA)

For links to the support and training discussed by the panel visit: <https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/suicide-prevention>

To watch the webin

***Creating Hope Through Action***

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**Suicide Prevention Webinar**

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**Board & Partnership Updates for LSPs**

Each quarter the NYSAB, NYSCP and NYCSP give updates to the Local Safeguarding Partnerships (LSPs) on the respective work carried out to help inform their local work plans and share key messages throughout their localities.

Since July we have recorded our updates as a narrated slide deck and the feedback has been really positive!

To view the updates and to get more information on the LSPs visit <https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/LSPs>

The Calendar of Activity brings together the **Joint Partnership Campaigns** of the **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP), the North Yorkshire Community Safeguarding Partnership (NYCSP) and the NYSAB** as well as existing campaigns and awareness days which the Board and Partnerships will support.

We ask you to help us raise awareness by promoting the campaigns and sharing key messages.

You can find the **2021-2022 calendar** here on our website: <https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/calendar-of-activity>

The calendar for 2022-2023 will be available shortly

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**Calendar of Activity**

**Feeling Safe – A film by self-advocates**

Self-advocates from the North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board decided to mark Hate Crime Awareness Week by making a video about feeling safe. Self-advocates speak about what makes them feel safe and all the things they can do when they feel safe.

[**Click here to watch their video**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEuo_QZXKM8)

A big thank you to the self-advocates and everyone involved for helping to get the

message across about

safety as part of Hate

Crime Awareness Week.

**Please share this brilliant**

**film throughout your**

**communities and organisations**

**Adult safeguarding and homelessness:**

***A briefing on Positive Practice***

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At the Board meeting in September, **Dr Joy Shacklock and Colin** Dales delivered presentations on ***Safeguarding &Homelessness* and *Safeguarding in Housing Settings*** respectively

The presentations looked at:

* The support available for people with complex needs who are homeless;
* The safeguarding issues people who are homeless face such as self-neglect and the risk of abuse;
* The impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on those who are homeless; and;
* Accommodation and Housing

A dedicated session at the Executive meeting in the New Year will take place to discuss further what the SAB can do to address housing and homelessness as part of our strategic plan

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**Safeguarding and Homelessness**

The Care and Health Improvement Programme

(CHIP) funded by the Department of Health and

Social Care (DHSC) and delivered by the Local

Government Association (LGA) in association

with the Association of Directors of Adult Social

Services (ADASS) has a national work stream on

safeguarding adults and homelessness.

This is an important piece of work and from this

[**Adult safeguarding and homelessness – A briefing on Positive Practice**](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/25.158-Briefing-on-Adult-Safeguarding-and-Homelessness_03_1.pdf) has been produced.

For more information and links to the webinars which informed this work visit <https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/news/adult-safeguarding-and-homelessness-a-briefing-on-positive-practice/>

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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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