Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Boards

National Safeguarding Adults Week

16th – 20th November 2026

Comms Pack

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1. Introduction

From 16th – 20th November 2026, Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Boards are supporting Safeguarding Adults Week which is led by the Ann Craft Trust in Nottingham.

We have developed this comms pack for organisations to share webinars, briefings, and event details with staff, and to provide some resources for you to use. This pack should guide you on what to share within your organisation in the lead up to the week, as well as what you can do throughout the week to promote messages around Safeguarding Adults.

We hope you find this pack useful and that it helps your staff to access the resources available to support their work. If you would like any further information about safeguarding adults visit our website or contact us.

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The success of this week depends on both how well this is promoted throughout your organisations, as well as through organisations' ability to release operational staff to attend.

We would urge you as Board member organisations, commissioned services, district and borough councils, and the voluntary and community sector to support this week's events by disseminating the information to relevant staff teams, speaking to key individual service/team managers, raising this event as Any Other Business (AOB) in internal and external meetings, and by preparing in advance to allow safeguarding leads and operational staff to attend.

2. Online Sessions Programme

This year, we have organised a series of online sessions on a range of topics related to adult safeguarding through the lens of 'prevention'. These sessions are free to attend and are open to all health and social care staff, Police, Fire & Rescue, Probation, Prison staff, residential and nursing home staff, housing services (both NCC and Housing Associations), Community safety, voluntary and community services, PAs and domiciliary care and formal/informal carers. These are open to workers across both City and County areas.

There are a series of webinars which are around 45 minutes – 1 hour, with some additional time for questions at the end, and can be accessed via Microsoft Teams. You will find the links for these below.

On **Monday 16th November** Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board will relaunch its Trainers' Forum to support those responsible for delivering training within their organisation.

In the afternoon, Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Board will be hosting a webinar on trauma-informed practice. This will also run on Thursday afternoon if you can't make the Monday session.

There will also be an Introduction to Prevent webinar.

On **Tuesday 17th November**, there will be a Partnership Event hosted by Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board which is also open to colleagues from Nottingham City. This event will feature speakers on subjects including a recent thematic review of local SARs since 2014, self-neglect, and & the application of the Mental Capacity Act.

There will also be a Prevent webinar explaining the Com network.

On **Wednesday 18th November** Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board are hosting a couple of webinars on digital and online safety.

On **Thursday 19th November**, there is an event hosted by colleagues from City and County on taking safeguarding beyond assumptions, and on **Friday 20th November**, we have a session from Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service on Charlie P and safe and well checks, followed by an afternoon webinar looking at domestic abuse in the acute setting.

Also, each day at 1pm, we will be running our ten-minute lunchtime briefings covering topics such as making safeguarding personal and effective safeguarding adults referrals amongst others.

Please promote these webinars, briefings and partnership event via email, intranet, internal newsletter etc.

Monday 16th November

09:30 to 12:00
County Hall Rufford Suite
County Hall
West Bridgford
Nottingham
NG2 7QP

NSAB Trainers' Forum **in-person**

This 'relaunch' of Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board's Trainers' Forum is an **in-person event** held at **Nottinghamshire County Council's County Hall (Rufford Suite)** aimed at those responsible for delivering training within their organisation, whether as a large statutory organisation or a smaller independent provider.
This forum aims to provide a space for colleagues from different organisations to meet and network, as well as to share relevant and important updates regarding safeguarding adults.

This event, marking the start of Safeguarding Adults week 2026, will feature presentations on:

- New NSAB Tri-X procedures
- New NSAB Decision Making Guidance Tool
- Making Safeguarding Personal
- NSAB Resources inc 7-minute briefings

There will also be a workshop/ feedback element to the session.

Register for this **in-person** event

13:00 – 13:10
10 Minute Lunchtime Briefing – Making Safeguarding Personal

This short briefing on Making Safeguarding Personal is being delivered by Paul Hughes from Nottinghamshire County Safeguarding Adults Board and is open to colleagues in both County and City.

Register for this Event

14:00-15:00
Nottingham City – Trauma-informed Practice

The aim of this webinar is to enhance our understanding of trauma-informed practice and how experiences of trauma can influence the presentation and engagement of the people we support. It will also explore the impact of language when working with victims of trauma and exploitation, highlighting how communication can either support recovery and empowerment or inadvertently cause further harm.

Register for this event

15:15 – 16:15
Nottingham City – Introduction to Prevent

The 'Introduction to Prevent' Session will provide an overview on the Prevent programme, offering delegates staff a greater understanding of the current threat from extremism and their role within the Prevent agenda. At the end of the input, participants will:

- Understand how Prevent links in with the wider Counter Terrorism strategy and other areas of work such as Hate Crime and Community Cohesion
- Understand the current national and local terrorist threats
- Be better able to identify those susceptible to radicalisation
- Explain how to report concerns within own area
- Explain the role of Channel in safeguarding those susceptible to radicalisation.

Register for this event

Tuesday 17th November

09:30 - 12:30
Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Partnership Event
(Open to City Colleagues)

This half day session delivered by a range of colleagues in Nottinghamshire County and will cover subjects including a recent thematic review of local SARs since 2014, self-neglect, and & the application of the Mental Capacity Act.

This session is open to colleagues in both County and City.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: Click here to join the meeting

13:00 – 13:10
10 Minute Lunchtime Briefing – Professional Curiosity

This short briefing on Professional Curiosity is being delivered by Paul Hughes from Nottinghamshire County Safeguarding Adults Board and is open to colleagues in both County and City.

Register for this event

14:00 – 15:30
Nottingham City – Prevent: The Com Network

The Com network is a dangerous, transnational online criminal network primarily made up of teenage boys and young adults who regard violence as entrainment and engage in serious cybercrime, extortion, and real-world violence. This session will describe the rise of, and risk presented by, 'such groups. At the end of the input, participants will:

- Understand what is meant by 'Com Groups' and recognise some of the most common ones;
- Understand how such groups overlap with extremist ideologies in the online space;
- Understand how such groups both attract and exploit vulnerable individuals online;
- Be better able to identify and support those who may be vulnerable to such groups.

Register for this event

Wednesday 18th November

10:00 – 11:00
Digitally enabled stalking and Domestic Abuse 2026 (Harrow SAB)

Join us online for an eye-opening event all about digital stalking and how technology is changing the face of domestic abuse. We'll dig into the challenges victims face in the digital age and explore ways to identify & combat these hidden dangers. Whether you're a survivor, professional, or just curious, this online session is for you!

Register on Eventbrite

13:00 – 13:10
10 Minute Lunchtime Briefing – Effective Safeguarding Adults Referrals

This short briefing on Effective Safeguarding Adults Referrals is being delivered by Paul Hughes from Nottinghamshire County Safeguarding Adults Board and is open to colleagues in both County and City.

Register for this event

14:00- 15:15
AI and online harms for Vulnerable Adults- SAAW 2026 (Harrow SAB)

Get ready for an informative online event all about how AI impacts upon the safety of vulnerable adults on the web. We'll dive into the latest challenges and solutions to keep everyone protected in the digital world. Whether you're a professional, carer or a Harrow resident, this is a must-attend event to support keeping adults safe from online harm.

This 1-hour session will cover:

- Understanding what technology-enabled domestic abuse and stalking is, including how perpetrators use digital tools to monitor, control, harass and intimidate victim-survivors.
- Recognising common forms of tech-enabled abuse, such as spyware, GPS tracking, online harassment, image-based abuse, financial abuse and misuse of smart home technology.
- Exploring the impact of digital abuse on adults, children and young people and understanding the additional risks faced by LGBTQ+ communities.
- Developing professional curiosity and confidence in asking about technology-facilitated abuse as part of routine safeguarding and domestic abuse enquiries.

- Learning practical digital safety planning measures to support victim-survivors, including securing devices, protecting communications, gathering evidence and accessing specialist support.

Register on Eventbrite

Thursday 19th November

10:30 – 12:00
NSAB & NCSAB Safeguarding Beyond Assumptions

How often do our assumptions influence the way we interpret risk, understand behaviour or make safeguarding decisions?
This interactive webinar explores how professional curiosity, Making Safeguarding Personal, person-centred approaches and trauma-informed practice can help practitioners look beyond first impressions, challenge assumptions and better understand the circumstances, wishes and desired outcomes of adults at risk.

Through reflection and practical scenarios, we will consider the impact of unconscious bias, the importance of respectful professional challenge, and how we can work collaboratively to make proportionate, person-centred safeguarding decisions.

The session aims to help practitioners reflect on their practice, recognise the influence of assumptions, and strengthen their approach to safeguarding adults.

Register for this event

13:00 – 13:10
10 Minute Lunchtime Briefing – What is Trauma Informed Practice

This short briefing on Trauma Informed Practice is being delivered by Paul Hughes from Nottinghamshire County Safeguarding Adults Board and is open to colleagues in both County and City.

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Friday 20th November

10:30-12:00
Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Charlie P / Safe and Well

The aim of the course is to help individuals understand the characteristics and risk factors that are common to those individuals at risk of accidental dwelling fire. The course will also give staff the knowledge to competently complete the CHARLIE P Matrix referral using a person-centred approach.

Register for this Event

13:00 – 13:10
10 Minute Lunchtime Briefing – Self-Coaching

This short briefing on coaching is being delivered by Paul Hughes from Nottinghamshire County Safeguarding Adults Board and is open to colleagues in both County and City.

Register for this event

14:00-15:00
Domestic Abuse in the Acute Setting

This webinar short webinar is being delivered by Sean Humphrey from Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals

content:

- introduction to the service at DBTH
- grab pack initiative
- how DBTH supports
- DBTH & collaborative working
- case study: How Domestic Abuse is managed in the acute setting

Register for this event

3. Resources – 7 Minute Briefings

Nottinghamshire County SAB and Nottingham City SAB have developed a series of 7-minute briefings. These briefings allow learning to be disseminated in an easily digestible format and cover a range of topics.

We would like to promote these briefings throughout the week – please share these within your organisation.

- Resources - Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board
- 7-minute briefings – Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Board

Here are some tips on how they can be used!

- Include reading this briefing in your personal development time and check whether you are familiar with the policies and procedures detailed within
- Discuss in your supervision/ 1:1 sessions – are the themes familiar with what you see in your day-to-day work?
- Share with your comms team to put on your own agency intranet
- Add it to your agency internal newsletter
- Use it in your weekly team meeting to start a conversation – are there themes in this case that your team may struggle with? Would they know where to seek support if they were faced with the situation within the briefing? Is there a training need to ensure staff are well informed and confident in dealing with the themes and raising a safeguarding concern?
- Do you know where to find the Safeguarding Adults Board resources in your agency? If not, raise this with your manager

4. Ann Craft Trust Resources

Safeguarding Adults Week 16 – 22 November 2026 - Ann Craft Trust

TEXT BELOW TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE ANN CRAFT TRUST WEBSITE

Safeguarding Adults Week is a time for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues.

We believe that working in partnerships allows us to share our knowledge of safeguarding, learn from others, and work towards creating safer cultures.

During this year's event, we'll be collaborating with our partners to explore a different safeguarding theme each day.

Every Voice. Every Choice.

By prioritising choice, safeguarding can become more preventative, build trust, and empower individuals.

Our focus this year is on how co-production is central to safeguarding adults.

We'll explore how a collaborative approach aligns closely with key principles of the Care Act 2014, such as empowerment and prevention.

A key theme is Making Safeguarding Personal, which prioritises the outcomes for the individuals. It's all about giving people a *voice*, and making it their *choice* as to what happens, and what makes them feel safe.

Safeguarding Adults Week 2026 – Daily Themes

Each day of the week we will concentrate on a specific theme.

Monday – Listening & Person-Centred Conversations

"Safeguarding starts with listening."

Effective safeguarding begins with understanding what matters most to the individual. By focusing on person-centred outcomes, we can ensure that conversations are shaped by people's experiences, wishes, and priorities. This approach supports safety while also promoting dignity, independence, and improved quality of life.

Tuesday – Strengths, Choice & Control

"Good safeguarding increases choice and control."

Supporting people to have choice and control means recognising their strengths and capabilities, not just their needs. This helps individuals to make informed decisions and manage risk in ways

that work for them, balancing safety with independence while promoting confidence and resilience.

Wednesday – Co-production & Shared Decision-Making

"Making safeguarding personal means designing it together."

Embedding co-production at every level helps us design services, systems and support that reduce risk and prevent harm before it occurs. Taking time to reflect on learning, challenge practice and listen to lived experience through shared leadership enables continuous improvement and ensures safeguarding approaches remain relevant, effective, and person-centred.

Thursday – Professional Curiosity

"Safeguarding is everyone's business."

Professional curiosity requires us to remain open, observant, and willing to look beyond the surface. This helps us identify risks early and respond effectively. It also encourages us to explore the adult's views, wishes, and personal experience. By asking thoughtful questions and remaining open and inquisitive, it ensures the person's voice is heard, creating outcomes in line with the person's wishes and feelings.

Friday – Learning and Reflection

"Listen. Learn. Change Together"

Celebrate our approach to co-production and making safeguarding personal through listening, reflecting, and sharing good practice examples.

5. Local resources and Events

Carers Federation

This year, Carers Rights Day is on Thursday 19th November and the theme is 'Know your rights, use your rights.' Get involved and help to make sure more carers are aware of their rights and feel empowered to use them.

Every day, 12,000 people become unpaid carers for a partner, family member or a friend – many of whom don't see themselves as carers, often unaware of their legal rights and what they're entitled to in terms of support and benefits.

Carers should not have to miss out on support designed to reduce some of the pressures caring can bring. Whether they care 24/7 or juggle care with work and family life, are new to caring or have been for many years, and wherever they live in the UK – all carers deserve to understand their rights and be supported to use them if they wish.

Get involved in Carers Rights Day and help carers in your network and local community know about their rights and the wider support available.

Carers Rights Day | Carers UK

Nottingham Practice Development Unit



The Practice Development Unit (PDU) offers a unique opportunity for professionals and volunteers from all sectors in Nottingham and beyond, who work with people facing Severe and Multiple Disadvantage (SMD), to connect, learn collaboratively and share good practice and expertise in the field of SMD.

Severe and Multiple Disadvantage (SMD) is generally considered to be an experience of three or more of the following sources of disadvantage simultaneously:

- Homelessness
- Substance Use
- Poor mental health
- Contact with the Criminal Justice System
- Domestic Sexual Violence and Abuse

Services and systems are often designed to respond to single issues and repeatedly fail to meet the needs of people who experience SMD. The PDU acts as a collaborative learning platform to

improve people's understanding of how to best help people who experience SMD, and to support services and staff from a wide range of organisations to feel confident to deliver approaches that work.

It is a place to come to learn about SMD for those who are new to this area of work and also offers opportunities for people with baseline knowledge to develop their practice, skills and competencies.

The Practice Development Unit (PDU) was established by Opportunity Nottingham and continues to be the SMD learning hub in Nottingham City through the Changing Futures programme, delivered in partnership with Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service (NCVS).

This fantastic online hub is free to join – sign up here!

Nottingham Practice Development Unit