

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership (TDSAP) newsletter.

This newsletter aims to provide you with key information and resources in relation to the work of the TDSAP and its partner organisations.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD (from Paul Northcott)

The TDSAP Board met on 24th June 2025. A number of items were discussed relating to the partnership's strategic priorities, which can be found [here](#)

As the Independent Chair of the Partnership, I continue to be impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm shown by all the agencies to work together to improve the standards of care and support to those living in our communities.

This newsletter enables us to provide you with a snapshot of what professionals have achieved through the work that has been driven by the Partnership and those who assist us to co-produce improvements to policy and practice on the frontline.

Moving forward, we would like to use this newsletter to highlight the personal stories of those who use services in Devon and Torbay and good news stories from staff. We would like you to shape the content of future issues, and we therefore want to hear from you via our mailbox at (safeguardingadultsboardsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)

MULTI AGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT MEETINGS (MARMM)

The MARMM is a proactive approach focusing on prevention and early intervention, with professionals often responding to chronic or entrenched behaviours as part of their day-to-day work. Quite often the risk presenting does not meet the threshold for a Section 42 enquiry, however by sharing this information at an early stage, support could be coordinated to prevent escalation. By cross-referencing information held by partners we will be able to build a better picture of how best to jointly support the adult concerned.

The 'Test and Learn' sites within [Brave Spaces | Encompass](#) and [STAR — CoLab Exeter](#) continue to adopt the MARMM principles for adults who are at high risk of abuse and/or neglect, but the circumstances may sit outside the statutory adult safeguarding framework and for which a multi-agency approach would be beneficial.

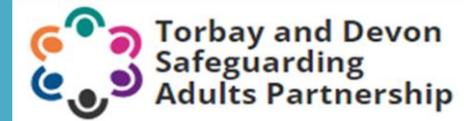
Its early days for the 'Test and Learn' sites, but early feedback has been positive, with multi agency partners willing to engage and meet to discuss complex risks identified, share information and agree actions to avoid escalation.

The MARMM Implementation Group, made up of a cross reference of partners, meets regularly to assess progress and review the benefits from the 'Test and Learn' sites. The aim is to roll out MARMM wider across Torbay and Devon in due course.

SELF-NEGLECT CONFERENCE

The Partnership held a Self-Neglect Conference on 3rd June 2025 at the Future Skills Centre in Exeter. The conference was attended by over 100 operational practitioners from partner organisations across Torbay and Devon.

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and [here](#) for Torbay.

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Attendees benefited from presentations and discussions relating to the theme of self-neglect in practice. Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) case studies formed the basis of breakout group discussions.

Natasha Round, Experienced Social Worker from the Devon Safeguarding Adults Service, presented a personal story where she had adopted a 'Solution Focussed Approach' to work with an adult who was seriously self-neglecting. Natasha was able share good practice with the conference as she explained how her approach resulted in positive outcomes for the adult.

The conference also had interactive presentations and discussions relating to 'Professional Curiosity' and 'Trauma Awareness'.

Geraldine Nosowska, Director at [Effective Practice](#) gave a presentation of the importance of Professional Curiosity in practice and how it supports practitioners to look beyond surface level presentations, thus enabling a deeper understanding of situations, identify potential risks and vulnerabilities, and enhance more informed decisions.

Amber Canham, Trauma Informed Practitioner from the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, led a presentation and room discussion on how an understanding of an adult's trauma journey can assist practitioners to tailor their approaches and empower adults to effectively engage with support services.

Breakout Groups, to review themes associated to the case studies, were led by Vicky Brooks Trauma Informed Practice Lead from the [Zebra Collective](#), Mark Barnett and Katie Viggers solicitors from [Browne Jacobson](#), Helena Riggs, Principal Social Worker Commissioning, Devon County Council and Emma Read Designate Nurse Safeguarding Adults from NHS Devon.

A huge thanks goes out to all those that attended the conference, your engagement and participation was superb throughout the day. Your feedback on elements of the day would be appreciated, so if you can spare a couple of minutes, please [click here](#) to complete a quick feedback form.

Also, a massive thank you to our guest speakers and breakout leads, it was a pleasure working with you to deliver such a successful day.

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEWS (SARS)

The partnership are currently progressing a SAR in relation to an individual who has homeless and rough sleeping at the time of his death. A SAR panel and a lead reviewer is in place to identify key learning to be fed back into the system. We hope to have the final SAR report and key recommendations signed off by the TDSAP Board in September. It is anticipated that publication will follow soon after.

To view our previously published SARs and practitioner briefings please [click here](#)

PRACTICE RESOURCES

The TDSAP recently published multi agency guidance to support practitioners across partner organisations to work with people who present with self-neglect and hoarding behaviours.

To access this and other useful resources, please see this link – [Policy and Guidance - Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership](#)

KEY DATES

The next TDSAP Board meeting will take place on 16th September and a further newsletter will follow shortly after this.

Safeguarding Adults Training is available for anyone who works or comes into contact with adults at risk of abuse. For further information on the training offer, charging policy and cancellation policy please check out our Training and Resources page on our website [Training and Resources - Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership](#)



FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

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