



PROVIDER FORUM NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2026

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*“Hi everyone, I’m Rebecca Ardis, and I’m really pleased to have stepped into the role of Head of Service (Safeguarding). For those who may not be aware, whilst I sit over at Focus Adult Social Care, part of my role is to lead and deliver the local authority’s statutory adult safeguarding functions. I am passionate about this work, and I know safeguarding is something we can only do well when we do it **together**. It truly is everyone’s responsibility, and I’m looking forward to supporting and strengthening the partnerships that make that possible. With that in mind, I am keen to get to know you all as our providers, you play such an important role in keeping our community safe. I would love to have the opportunity to meet you all face-to-face to understand your services better, discuss any challenges you have and explore options for working together better. If nothing else, it would be a great opportunity to share a cuppa and build relationships.”*

Rebecca Ardis

SAFEGUARDING, MCA AND DoLS

If you want to raise a new **safeguarding concern**, this can be done by calling 01472 256 256.

If you have any **query regarding an open safeguarding case, or a closed/or archived case**, please call 01472 232 244.

If you would like to speak with somebody within the **training teams**, please call 0300 330 2975 for Training and 0300 330 2830 for Employee Services or visit the website:

[Training & Recruitment – Focus \(focusadultsocialwork.co.uk\)](https://focusadultsocialwork.co.uk)

SAFEGUARDING AND MCA TRAINING

Here are the links to some of the safeguarding and MCA training available from Focus:

[Overview of the Multi-Agency Workforce Development Strategy>](#)

[The MCA mini-series>](#)

[Live Well MCA resources>](#) (this includes links to the MCA training pathway and Safeguarding Adults Training Pathway information)

[Quest>](#) (training bookings)

SAFEGUARDING AND MCA NEWSLETTER

For the latest Safeguarding and MCA newsletter (December 2025), please click onto the following link:

[MCA & Safeguarding Adults e-newsletter issue 24](#)

The MCA and Safeguarding Adults e-newsletter is produced quarterly as a resource to support staff in keeping their knowledge in these areas up to date. As a reminder, here are the headings within each e-newsletter:

- **'News'** – including anything national or local relating to MCA/Safeguarding.
- **'Case law updates'** – Stand out case law. Sometimes we write our own easy read summaries or share those written by others such as Open Court Justice

blogs.

- 'Reports and Publications' - any new ones related to MCA/Safeguarding.
- 'Safeguarding Adults' – anything specific to this area including any news articles etc.
- 'Think outside the box' – relevant content which provides opportunity for reflection such as podcasts, tv programmes/documentaries etc.
- 'Training' – Includes our training offer as well as training from other sources.
- 'Useful resources' – includes relevant local and national resources.
- *New section as of September 2025- *Practice that Shines** - celebration of local MCA practice/engagement in training observed by our team.

MAKING IT REAL PROFESSIONALS EVENT



We are delighted to announce the date for our next Making It Real Professionals Network Event.

These events are to bring together partners across VCSE, health, police, housing, children's and adults services to give frontline professionals across all sectors a chance to network and learn about different services, helping you to use your newfound connections in support of your beneficiaries in NEL.

Venue: Immingham Civic Centre

Time: 9.30am – 2pm

Date: Thursday 26th March 2026

There will be over 30 statutory, voluntary and VCSE organisations and the event will be open to all health and social care professionals in NEL.

[The Event Flyer is available here](#)



Professional Development Web Seminar

**30th April 2026
13:30 to 16:30**

Diagnosis, assessment and response to the needs of older people with cognitive impairments at risk of self-neglect and other abuse.



**Safeguarding
Adults**
NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE

Reserving your place is required by Friday, 27th March 2026.

The NELSAB is hosting a free professional development web seminar for professionals working with older people with cognitive impairment and at risk of harm.

The number of older people with cognitive conditions such as dementia is increasing, and they are vulnerable to multiple risks, including self-neglect, abuse and exploitation in addition to increasingly complex care and support needs. Health and social care staff in particular face significant challenges in balancing self-determination and ensuring protection for a vulnerable and increasing population.

This has been the focus of a recent Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) in NEL that has involved health and social care professionals.

The seminar is an opportunity to disseminate and develop the learning from this and other SARs across the country.

The seminar will be of interest to health professionals such as GPs, mental health and clinical staff in community and hospital settings, and those who are involved in managing discharge arrangements and liaison with care homes and community care services. It will also be of interest to social care professionals, including social workers undertaking assessment and care planning, as well as those working in care homes and community care services.

The seminar is an opportunity to be briefed about the learning that is informed by local practice and evidence from national and international research. It is an opportunity to share practical experience and for reflection on issues such as the importance of understanding why Mental Capacity Act assessments are so important, the reasons why professionals can have such difficulty in achieving good engagement to advise and help vulnerable older people, the importance of using specialist services, the challenge of making clear referrals, and the respective roles of different professionals in assessment and care planning and co-ordination.

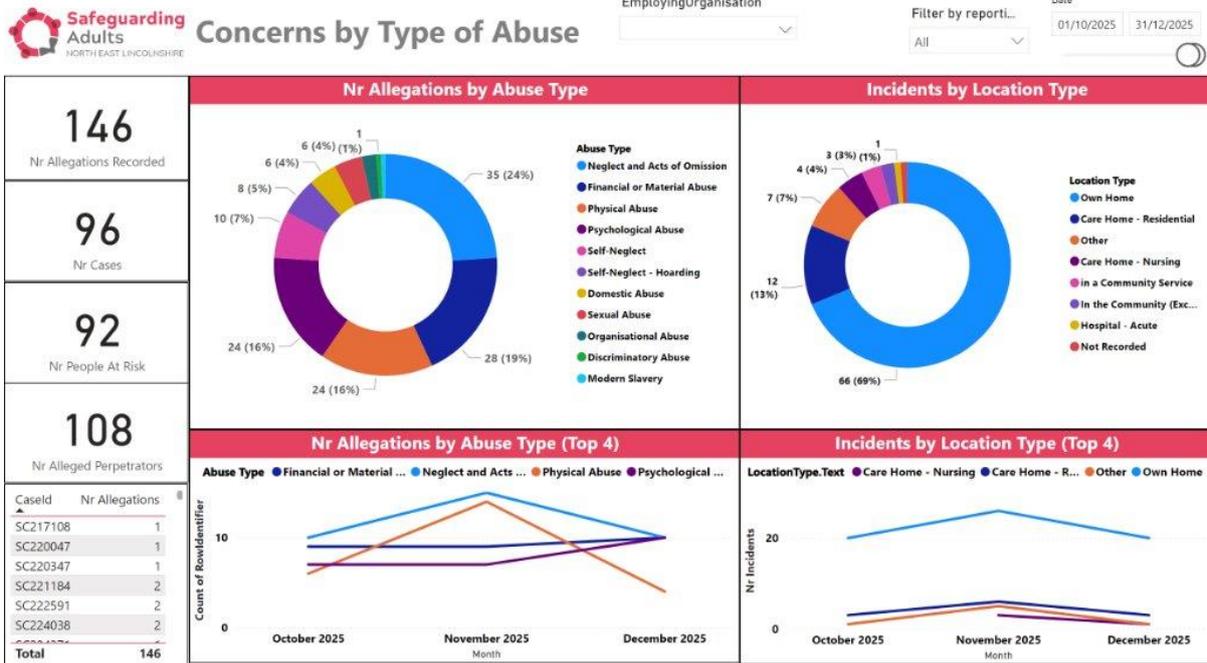
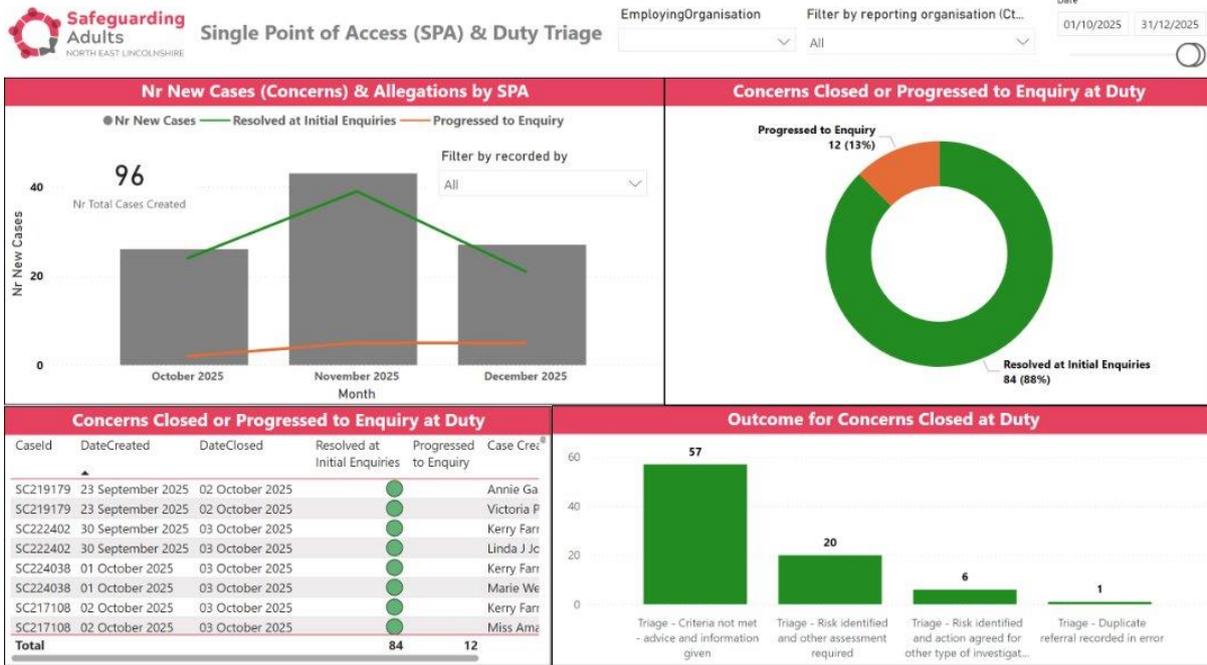
Booking is easy and essential to secure a place and to receive further information about the event – **please see below:**

Please complete the section below, cut and paste, and email to julie.hamilton@nelincs.gov.uk

NAME	JOB TITLE	ORGANISATION	EMAIL ADDRESS

You can add more rows to the table for additional colleagues.
Once received, you will be sent a Teams meeting link to join the web seminar.
You will be sent an event programme nearer the date.

SAFEGUARDING ENQUIRIES – QUARTER 3, 2025/26



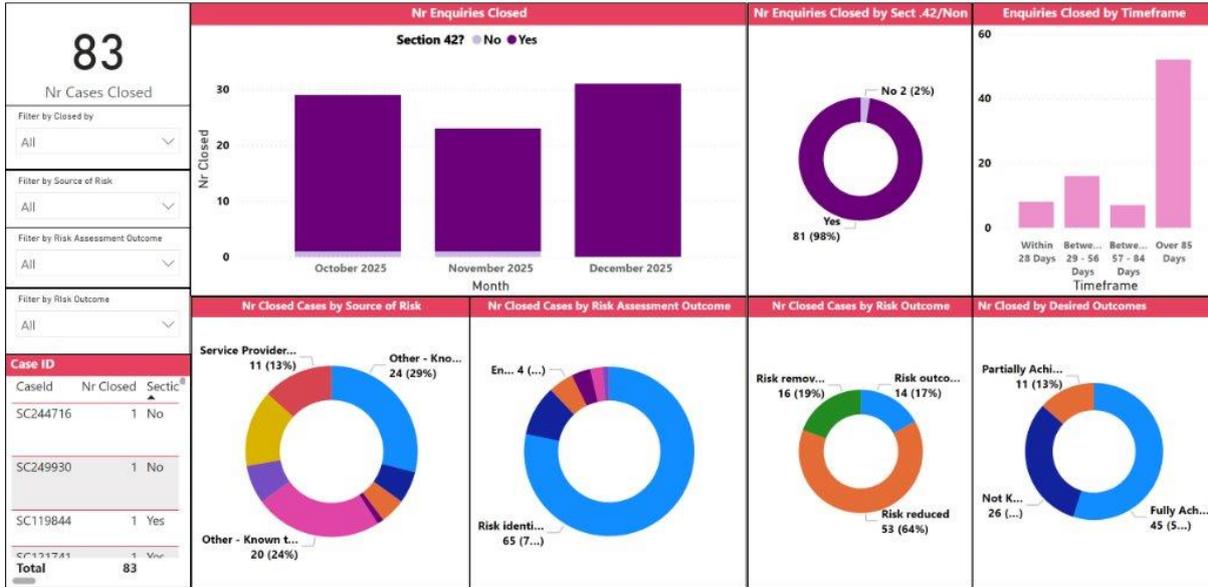
Enquiries Closed

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All

Date

01/10/2025 31/12/2025



Enquiries Ongoing

Allocated to at Formal Enquiry Stage

All

