

**NORTHUMBERLAND TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Meeting Date:** 28 January 2015

**Title and Author of Paper:** Local Safeguarding Adults' Board Update Report  
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**Presented by:** Gary O'Hare, Executive Director of Nursing and Operations

**Paper for Debate, Decision or Information:** Information

**Key Points to Note:**  
Regular update report for information.

**Outcome required:**  
The Board is asked to note the content of this report.

## **Introduction:**

This paper provides a brief update on issues raised at each of the Local Safeguard Adult Boards in the area covered by the Trust.

## **NORTHUMBERLAND ADULTS: ANNE MOORE, GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE**

Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board met on 27 October 2014

### ***Mental Health Crisis Concordat***

Presentation delivered. The Concordat was released in February 2014 and has highlighted that some mental health patients in certain areas in the country aren't getting direct access to help and support from the correct agencies when they are experiencing a mental health crisis. The signatories of the Concordat have given a commitment to working together to ensure better responses to people in mental health crisis.

There are four main targets for the Concordat:

- Access to support before crisis point
- Urgent and emergency access to crisis care
- Quality of treatment and care when in crisis
- Recovery and staying well

The Concordat Partnership consists of 22 national bodies, including Police, Mental Health Trusts, Acute Trusts, CQC and Local Authorities.

A recent CQC pilot inspection of Northumberland in early October 2014 had received positive feedback as to the progress being made in relation to the Concordat.

One of the key areas for note by the NSAB is the expected role of the Board in delivering assurance about the effective planning, monitoring and review of local safeguarding arrangements for people experiencing mental health crisis and the inclusion of the issues/needs of people in mental health crisis in the strategic plan.

An initial workshop organised by NTW took place 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at Gateshead, has begun the process of identifying any gaps in how crisis incidents are dealt with in Northumberland. Prevention and crisis planning and early intervention are essential to support people at risk of mental health crisis, but this needs to be a whole person/ system approach. Contingency planning with multi-agencies is vital

## ***Strategic Plan – Update***

The Strategic Plan has been published. Information regarding sexual exploitation, communications, Think Family, MH Concordat and Health & Wellbeing Board are to be included. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

### **NORTH TYNESIDE ADULT: DR STEVE BROWN MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE**

North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board met on 09 September 2014

### ***Protocol to respond to allegations against staff and volunteers for ratification***

The protocol was introduced. It was explained that this would be applied when a member of staff is accused of abuse either in the workplace or in their personal life. The protocol assists decision making in disclosing information to employers and is similar to the LADO system for Children's Services. It was requested that the protocol be shared with legal services for comment and a check with HR.

It was also suggested that this be taken to the Regional Safeguarding Leads Group with a view to sharing this document across areas and with Primary care services

### ***Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014***

An overview was provided of the new act coming into force on 20.10.14.

This act gives new provision for tackling anti social behaviour. For example it gives the victim a greater say, there will be community trigger with a threshold of 3 complaints in 6 months. Victims will be consulted regarding the remedy given to the offender.

There are to be a series of briefings available for staff and elected members to provide more information.

### ***Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard, DoLs: Impact of Supreme Court Hearing***

Information was provided about the impact of the Supreme Court Judgement on the DOLs process in North Tyneside.

It was reported that the acid test for DOLs now is if a person lacks capacity, is not free to leave an establishment and is under continuous monitoring and control, then they should be assessed under the DOLs process.

This has led to a dramatic increase in referrals. 2013-14 there were 23 referrals throughout the whole year. Since April 2014 there have been 124 referrals with an increase month on month. There are also 278 people on a waiting list to be assessed and this figure is rising.

The planned response to this is to increase the DOL coordinator role from part time to full time. One Best Interest Assessor (BIA) has been seconded to the Safeguarding team and four social workers are to be trained as BIA's in the coming year.

It was agreed that a conversation with Legal services regarding legal advice would take place.

Concern was expressed about the financial burden this is placing on local authorities as each assessment has to be reviewed annually. This makes it an ongoing demand, not a one off piece of work.

The board were informed that NTW are looking into the impact of this on their services.

### **NEWCASTLE ADULT: DR RAJESH NADKARNI, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE**

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board met on 19 September 2014

#### ***Operation Sanctuary update.***

More than half the complainants are adults so we have to ensure there is a joint approach with Children's Services. Operation Sanctuary, and its subsets, is ongoing and new potential adult victims are continually being identified. On a case-by-case basis these are being discussed with relevant partner agencies.

Operation Shelter is the main investigation in Newcastle related to the sexual exploitation of children and adults. A key consideration is the transition period from childhood to adulthood and the Safeguarding Adults Unit is working closely with Children's Services on this. It has to be recognised that sexual exploitation does not end when a child turns 18. The Police have also identified transition issues.

There is a need for a clear pathway to mental health services for the vulnerable adults who have been sexually exploited and work is being done with NTW on this. Police - Operation Sanctuary is a very complex criminal investigation. It has been extended to include work by the police to disrupt the way perpetrators operate.

Operation Sanctuary has required a huge amount of work & commitment from those involved and this will continue to be needed because it is clearly a long-term issue. It is, therefore, essential that learning about transition and vulnerability is embedded in front-line practice.

#### ***Care Act – preparations for April 2015.***

The NSAB submissions to the consultation have been acknowledged by the Department of Health. Nationally, a number of other organisations had requested that self-neglect should be included under the safeguarding adult's framework.

NSAB policy and procedures, as well as those of all partners, will need to be changed to reflect the Care Act when it comes into force. The Act places an onus on local authorities to conduct an enquiry in certain circumstances so clarity is required around what exactly “enquiry” means.

The Act increases the scope of safeguarding and the number of cases will probably increase – with consequent resource implications. Having greater detail on the initial concern will make the system more manageable. Advocacy features heavily in the Act not just with regards to the safeguarding adults process but more widely.

### ***Self-Assessment.***

Partner agencies can use their own self-assessment framework or adapt the North of Tyne document. It was suggested they concentrate on three areas of achievement and three areas of challenge and then produce a short report. Outcome to be used to inform the Board’s Annual Plan.

**SOUTH TYNESIDE ADULT: ANTHONY DEERY, GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE – No attendance**

South Tyneside Adult Board met on 15 September 2014

### ***SAB Business Plan***

The final draft of SAB Business Plan was presented at the board after being strengthened following comments from Board Members. The plan covers a three year time span with an annual review included. It provides the vision of the SAB and key priorities which should underpin the work of the sub groups.

### ***Review of Policy and Procedures***

The newly appointed trainer within the SAB will be reviewing all procedures within the SAB. In addition the Business Manager advised that there are some challenges around the MCA / DoLs procedures – these will need to be worked through and the newly appointed trainer will be asked to assist this.

**GATESHEAD ADULT: ANNE MOORE, GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE, Jan Grey attended on Behalf of Anne Moore**

Gateshead Safeguarding Adults Board met on 29 September 2014

## ***MASH Pilot***

A report was presented to members with an overview of the proposed MASH in Gateshead. Board members were asked to consider how best to utilise the MASH arrangements from the perspective of their organisations. Partners have been consulted during the project development and views will be sought from Board members to determine how each organisation can contribute to the process. The final evaluation process has not yet been decided but work was underway to determine the feasibility of an evaluation being carried out by Northumbria University.

## ***Rotherham Discussion***

A letter issued jointly by the departments for Communities and Local Government and Education in response to the recent inquiry undertaken in Rotherham was discussed by members. The purpose of the discussion was to draw members' attention to an independent statutory inspection that will be carried out by Louise Casey.

## ***Overview and Scrutiny Review - Domestic Abuse***

Members of the board have previously received updates regarding the review undertaken by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Measures to Tackle Domestic Abuse. The final report for this review was recently submitted to the committee and the following provides an overview of the work captured within this review.

The final recommendations identified from this Review form part of a continuous cycle and the elements need to be addressed simultaneously to ensure that a holistic approach to tackling domestic abuse within Gateshead can be adopted. To provide a more structured framework, the recommendations have been aligned to the national priorities that have been identified within the Violence against Women and Girls Strategy, which are: Prevention; Partnership; Support; and Risk Reduction

Northumbria Police has received funding from the Home Office via the Innovation Fund to develop a range of intervention across the borough that will provide additional support to perpetrators of domestic abuse. The funding will be used to identify prolific domestic abuse perpetrators through the use of an analytical framework that will assess frequency and gravity of offences. 'Top' individuals will subsequently be discussed at a multi-agency tasking and co-ordination meeting to ascertain potential actions that can be undertaken by partners and services to address and restrict perpetrators from further offending. This will include both a range of enforcement and preventative measures. In addition, funding will also be used to implement 'live' electronic monitoring devices that will help Police to monitor and track the exact location and movements of both victims and perpetrators. This new approach builds upon the existing 'tagging' model and provides both the Police and the victim with an immediate alert, if a perpetrator should be within close proximity, so support mechanisms can be implemented immediately to help minimise the likelihood of further incidents.

## **SUNDERLAND ADULT: GARY O'HARE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NURSING AND OPERATIONS, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE.**

Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board met on 18 November 2014

### ***Transforming Care –***

A national response to Winterbourne View Hospital. The report recommends pooled budget arrangements and promotion and facilitation of joint and integrated commissioning arrangements. Sunderland is well placed in this regard.

The Safeguarding Board should note that there has been no safeguarding issues directly arising from the work in implementing Transforming Care in Sunderland.

'Monitoring around discharge' was discussed, the group were advised that there is a post discharge review with a team looking at lessons learned. By giving appropriate support this will hopefully stop the "revolving door" of people being discharged but then going back into hospital. JG advised that from the NTW point of view testing out of placements prior to discharge is important for those in hospital for a long time and joint working is a key in transition.

### ***Review of safeguarding Adults / Children's Business Units***

Resources in the Adult Safeguarding and Children's Safeguarding Business Units were being looked at to see they could be aligned to get the best use of resources. The ambition is a joined up Business Unit to support both Adults and Children Safeguarding. It was not a dilution of resource but more of a sharing. Any change will need to go through internal HR processes with staff consultation.

These proposals will be included in the SSCB / SSAB Board governance report.

### ***Risk Register 2014-17 – next steps***

The Board was reminded that it had been agreed to move away from the traditional approach to Risk Registers and move to something more innovative. The Lead Risk and Assurance Specialist, had attended sub group meetings and is in the process of identifying more robust indicators.

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