

**NORTHUMBERLAND TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Meeting Date:	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2016
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Title and Author of Paper:	Local Safeguarding Adults Board Update Report Jan Grey, Head of Safeguarding & Public Protection
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Executive Lead:	Gary O'Hare, Executive Director of Nursing and Operations
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Paper for Debate, Decision or Information:	Information
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Key Points to Note:
Regular update report for information.

Risks Highlighted to Board :

Does this affect any Board Assurance Framework/Corporate Risks? Please state Yes or No; If Yes please outline	No
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Equal Opportunities, Legal and Other Implications:

Outcome Required: The Board is asked to note the content of this report.
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Link to Policies and Strategies:

## **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: Vida Morris, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative**

Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board met on 25/4/2016

#### Northumbria Police Safeguarding Department

Board members were provided a briefing paper on Northumbria Police new safeguarding department within the Force Operating Model which will coordinate the response and delivery of policing services to the most vulnerable members of our communities. The new approach will see Protecting Vulnerable People and Operation Sanctuary come together as part of a Safeguarding Department. The creation of the new department is a precursor to a new and innovative approach to the identification and response to vulnerability in its various guises. Northumbria Police will work closely with Partner Agencies in the design of the new approach to safeguarding

#### Northumberland Homelessness and Housing Options Service Annual Report 2015/2016

Members received a presentation of the annual report. Key issues highlighted:

- The number of requests for assistance made to the Council's Homelessness and Housing Options service during 2015/16 has increased by 12% from 2014/15
- The total number of homeless applications made to the Council has increased from 337 in 2014/15 to 367 in 2015/16. This represents an increase of 9%.
- The main reason for homelessness remains domestic violence at 38% (73) of all applications.
- The main 'priority need' identified is households with dependent children. Within the 126 households that were accepted there were a total of 227 dependent children.
- During 2015/16 there has been an increase of 12% in the number of households made homeless from parents, other family or friends.
- When considering the age of applicants accepted as homeless and in priority need, the number of households aged 18 to 24 has decreased by 24% from 50 in 2014/15 to 38 in 2015/16.

## Performance Report

### Key points to note:

- The number of Adult Concern Notifications was at almost the same level in April - February 2015/16 (4337) compared to the same period in 2014/15 (4400). However, January and February 2016 show an unusually high number compared to the previous year, and to previous months in 2015/16. The high numbers reflect on going work to encourage agencies to report low-level concerns which could cumulatively be evidence of issues
- The main location of abuse is "Own Home" at 50% of concluded referrals. This has increased compared to last year from 39%. In contrast "Care Home" location of abuse has reduced from 36% to 31%. These figures may be a reflection on the fact that more people are being supported in the community.
- 'Modern slavery' has been added as a Type of Abuse. There has been 1 case investigated in this period

## **North Tyneside Adult: Jane Carlisle, Medical Director, Trust Representative**

North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board met on 7/6/2016

### The Safeguarding Adults Review Committee

The former Serious Case Review Sub Groups for Northumberland and North Tyneside were responsible for implementing the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services guidance in respect of Serious Case Reviews as commissioned by the Chairs of the Boards. The new Panel will continue to be responsible for utilising this extensive workbook of information as well as local procedural guidance created to assist progress and steer this important work.

Since their inception some years ago it has become clear however that the sub groups should learn from significant case studies and national research as well as Serious Case Reviews. In her review of child protection Professor Eileen Munro confirmed the need to learn from 'near misses' as well as from tragedies. For this reason the North Tyneside sub group meets regularly to discuss national reviews and research not only to consider the need for or completion of a local serious case review. Both Safeguarding Adult Boards recognise that a more proactive approach is beneficial and this has led to a change of name and focus for the new combined sub group, one that better reflects its wider brief and broader membership. As well as supporting closer working and avoiding duplication a single group comprising of like professionals from other authorities will also offer a higher level of independence, scrutiny and challenge.

### Business Plan Objectives for 2013-16

One area of the Business Plan requires further work is of lower level safeguarding concerns should be responded to appropriately. The development of an Escalation

Policy across NoT has been drafted to guide staff in all agencies to raise safeguarding alerts when multiple low level concerns are received awaiting comments from circulation.

### Business Priorities 2016-19

Members receives the proposal that North Tyneside SAB sets its priorities for the next year years to be aligned to the six key principles which The Care Act 2014 states should underpin all adult safeguarding work. These are:

- Empowerment – People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent.
- Prevention – It is better to take action before harm occurs.
- Proportionality – The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.
- Protection – Support and representation for those in greatest need.
- Partnership – Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.
- Accountability- Accountability and transparency in delivering Safeguarding

### **Newcastle Adult: Dr Jonathon Richardson, Medical Director, Trust Representative**

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board met on 11/05/2016

#### Female Genital Mutilation Strategy

Board members were presented with an overview of the FGM strategy and associated action plan for Newcastle. The strategy aims to assist Newcastle agencies, services and prof the strategy reflects the need for the provision of safe and high quality health services for children and women who have been subjected to FGM and for Health to work with partner agencies who also provide services.

All acts of FGM are a crime and the girls and women subjected to FGM are victims of this crime. The act of FGM to female children under the age of 18 is also a form of child abuse and Safeguarding Children procedures apply. Safeguarding Adult procedures also apply to adult females who come under the Care Act 2014 definition of an Adult at Risk. These groups of children and adults will have differing needs for support, therapeutic intervention and protection and different safeguarding pathways apply.

#### National Learning Disability Death Review Programme (LEDER)

Board members received a report detailing key findings of the LEDER and an update from the local Learning Disability Mortality Steering Group outlining actions that need to be carried forward. Board members were asked to discuss the findings of the report and explore options as to how the work can be progressed and the relationship between the NSAB and action plans that are developed in response to the report.

### Care Act (2014) Revised Statutory Guidance

NSAB members were provided with an update relating to of the revised Care and Support Statutory Guidance which was published in February 2016. The statutory guidance supports the implementation of the Care Act 2014 and the revisions include some changes to the safeguarding adults responsibilities outlined in Chapter 14. Board members were asked to explore these changes and ensure that local safeguarding adult's arrangements remain Care Act compliant.

### **South Tyneside Adult: Ann Marshall Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative**

South Tyneside Adult Board met on 11/5/2016

### Serious Adult Reviews (SARS)

Members were provided an update of the latest two SAR's and associated action plans and agreed publication dates.

### MAPPA Annual report

The report includes the latest MAPPA Annual Report and local statistics regarding referrals to MAPPA. An update regarding Strategic MAPPA Board representation, MAPPA training and any current issues with attendance or participation in local Level 2 and Level 3 MAPP meetings was highlighted. *(NTW have excellent attendance as well as the a being the highest referrer apart from Police and Probation)*

### Safeguarding Adult and Mental Capacity Act Training

Members were provided with the training strategy 2016/17.

The STSAB provides free multi-agency training for everyone who works directly or indirectly with adults in South Tyneside. In addition to the training topic, by learning alongside colleagues from a wide range of agencies, STSAB training provides an opportunity to network, share information and ideas and learn about the range of services available in South Tyneside. Multi-agency training also facilitates a shared understanding and common language within agencies to better safeguard adults at risk in the borough.

The training programme includes both training courses and e learning. These will be focused on delivering key safeguarding messages, explaining changes to safeguarding processes, sharing best practice and learning the lessons from Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

### Charging Policy for Non-Attendance at Training

South Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board invests a significant amount of funding each year in workforce development and training. All training is offered free of charge but the Board operates a charging policy for non-attendance at pre-booked training places and for non-completion of e-learning courses. This aims to maximise the availability and cost-effectiveness of our training programme.

## **Gateshead Adult: Damian Robinson, Medical Director, Trust Representative**

Gateshead Board met on 25/5/2016

The board meeting was a scheduled Development Session for members focussing on the annual report, partner agency safeguarding process and the draft annual business plan.

## **Sunderland Adult: Anne Moore, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative.**

Safeguarding Adult Board met on 26/4/2016

### Domestic Abuse update

Sunderland's domestic violence health needs assessment (2014) identified poor awareness of services and referral routes by professionals as well as victims and the public. Potential barriers to accessing services included a reluctance of professionals to raise the issue and uncertainty regarding access to and responsiveness of services. A range of professionals identified a need for a clearly defined pathway and understanding of the role and service provided by partner organisations across the whole system.

Two of the recommendations from the needs assessment were to:

- Develop a care pathway to ensure all organisations are able to respond positively to disclosures of domestic violence and signpost to appropriate services; and
- Encourage commissioners of all public services to require providers to ensure front line staff are appropriately trained to identify and respond positively to domestic violence.

These recommendations were proposed in order to help ensure that regardless of a victim's initial point of contact, they can be signposted, referred and/or supported appropriately. A defined pathway would also help services and referrers to better understand where other providers were able to offer support across the spectrum, from survival to recovery, and greater awareness of appropriate referral routes. It was felt important that once a victim had contacted a service, they should not be 'lost' between services, and the aspiration should be for seamless navigation across organisational boundaries, with tackling domestic abuse being everyone's responsibility.

A number of developments have since taken place in Sunderland to help progress these recommendations. These have included:

- Research into domestic abuse pathways resulting in the development of a referral pathway staff guide

- The commissioning and delivery of multi-agency domestic abuse training which commenced in July 2015 and is currently funded until July 2017
- A domestic and sexual violence workplace champions programme involving around 20 different partner agencies/services – one aim of which is to help victims access the right support at the earliest opportunity.

A good practice guide for all multi-agency staff working with children, families and vulnerable people who may be living with domestic abuse in Sunderland. This includes those working with adults at risk of abuse or neglect. Members were asked to:

- Feedback any comments on the guide.
- Provide support around disseminating the final guide to all relevant multi-agency staff for them to embed the guidance into their frontline practice.

#### Northumbria Police Safeguarding department

Members received a briefing on the new development for safeguarding within Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police has created a new department within the Force Operating Model which will coordinate the response and delivery of policing services to the most vulnerable members of our communities

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#### Sunderland's Process Map for Reporting a Prevent Concern for a Vulnerable Child and/or a Vulnerable Adult

Members received the process referral map for children and adults using established safeguarding procedures in respect of a valid radicalisation concern. Sharing the Prevent concern according to the perceived risk and to receive a proportionate response i.e. share the concern with both safeguarding and Police Special Branch simultaneously to ensure the correct route to safeguard. Members were asked to share the process maps within respective organisation.

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