

**NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Meeting Date:** 27 April 2016

**Title and Author of Paper:** Local Safeguarding Adult Board Update Report  
Jan Grey, Head of Safeguarding and Public Protection

**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 Safeguarding Adults Board: Vida Morris, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative**

The Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board met on 22/2/2016

### **Prevent Strategy**

Board members received a presentation on the Prevent Strategy and action plan for Northumberland, including the Prevent referral pathway and Channel Duty Guidance: Protecting vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism (Statutory guidance for Channel panel members and partners of local panels)

### **NoT Self Neglect Guidance**

Members received a presentation on the Self Neglect guidance that has been developed since the introduction of the Care Act 2015. The guidance is for people supporting adults with care and support needs who are at risk of harm as a result of self-neglect. Managing the balance between protecting adults from self-neglect and their right to self-determination is a challenge for professionals. The guidance aims to support good practice in this area.

### **Competency Framework and Self Assessment**

Northumberland have adapted a self- assessment document from the National Competency Framework for Safeguarding Adults developed and published by Bournemouth University, Skills for Care and the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE).

The self-assessment document is aimed at Executive and Senior Managers with a Governance and Board role and should be used to scrutinise adult safeguarding work and to challenge and hold the safeguarding partnership to account. It is made up of four sections for which evidence should be provided to demonstrate effective leadership in relation to the strategic planning, development and promotion of safeguarding adults systems and processes.

Evidence should be obtained from a variety of sources and agencies and may come from:

- Formal training events
- Partnership working in developing policy and procedures
- Research and Workforce plans
- local priorities

Board members endorsed this framework for Northumberland

**North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board: Dr Jane Carlile, Medical Director, Trust Representative**

North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board met on 8/3/2016

Transgender Services

At the request of the board Jan Grey NTW provided an overview of the Gender Dysphoria Service provision in NTW after the recent National safeguarding concerns of transgender deaths in prisons. The board were provided with an understanding of Gender Dysphoria services provided by NTW. None of the transgender deaths were known to NTW.

Making Safeguarding Personal and Individual Outcomes

Safeguarding Board Managers and Chairs were notified of the developments in North Tyneside in respect of the Care Act Making Safeguarding Personal and the data being captured surrounding individual outcomes. Further work is underway in measuring the outcomes for people who have been managed through the safeguarding process.

Southern Health Safeguarding Concerns

Board partners received a presentation of the recent Southern Health Inquiry. A request was made to health partners to present their assurance/action plans to the next board in July

**Newcastle Adult Safeguarding Board: Dr Jonathon Richardson, Group Medical Director, Trust Representative**

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board met on 27/1/2016

Mental Health Crisis Concordat (Deferred from September 2015)

Guidance has been provided for Safeguarding Adults Boards on the Mental Health Crisis Concordat. NSAB members received a presentation on the guidance which covered: the local Concordat; the local shared action plan; the commissioning plan for support for people in mental health crisis; criminal justice and mental health crisis performance; and local governance arrangements for overseeing the implementation of the Concordat.

Performance Framework April - September 2015

Mid-year performance information was shared with the NSAB for challenge and comment. The reporting period included the first 6 months of Care Act implementation. In that time, there were 2,632 safeguarding adults referrals made. The full year projection suggests this will be a 13% increase on 2014-15.

Draft Strategic Annual Plan 2016-17

The first draft of the NSAB Vision and Priorities 2016-2018 and the Strategic Annual Plan for 2016-17 was tabled for discussion and comment. These documents were

developed using issues raised at the November 2015 self-assessment session. In addition to commenting on the plan itself, NSAB members discussed plans for consultation with community groups and the wider public. These plans will be discussed in more detail at the March NSAB meeting.

#### Designated Adult Safeguarding Meetings

Safeguarding Board Managers and Chairs were notified that the Department of Health intended to issue revised Care Act statutory guidance (yet to be published) which would remove the requirement for agencies to have a Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager (DASM). NSAB members were asked for their views in relation to this and whether there should be a local decision to continue the practice of having DASMs.

#### Trafficking and Modern Slavery

In November 2015, statutory guidance was issued around the duty to notify the Home Office about suspected victims of slavery or human trafficking. NSAB agreed to develop local guidance for practitioners around the referral pathways for concerns relating to Modern Slavery.

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

South Tyneside Adult Board met on 11/1/2016

#### Serious Adult Reviews (SARs)

Members received a presentation on the final draft of the third SAR and agreed to the completion of the executive summary. An update was also received of the position of agency action plans for SAR 1 and 2.

#### Performance Report

Members received information from a 6 month performance report

Section 42 Safeguarding Enquiries – from the 381 concerns raised, 233 concerns have been assessed as meeting the Section 42 Safeguarding Enquiry criteria set out in the Care Act. These concerns related to 222 individuals.

Of the four new categories of abuse introduced by the Care Act, only Domestic Abuse and Self-Neglect enquiries have been recorded so far. This could be because the categories are relatively new and enquiries may have been recorded against the previous categories (for example – domestic abuse could previously have been recorded against physical abuse and self-neglect could be recorded against neglect and acts of omission etc.). As social workers become more used to the new categories, we could see numbers in the new categories rise.

28 completed enquiries involved adults who were recorded as lacking the mental capacity to make decisions related to the enquiry. Almost half of these cases related to people aged 85 and over (46%).

From the 28 completed enquiries recorded, 23 people were supported by an advocate, family member or friend. An advocate is required when an adult at risk has 'substantial difficulty' understanding the safeguarding process.

#### Budget 2016-2017

If the SAB receives the same funds for the year 2016-2017 the income will be £90,126. The income required for current commitments is £103,090; leaving a shortfall of £12,964. This increase in costs reflects the increase in the SAB business support requirements.

SAB partners are requested to consider the funding position for 2016-2017. In order to further reduce costs face to face training would need to be further reduced. The budget position does not allow for any preventative work and will be further pressurised should a SAR or learning review be required.

#### **Gateshead Safeguarding Adults Board: Dr Damian Robinson, Group Medical Director, Trust Representative**

Gateshead Board met 27/1/2016

#### Appropriate Adult

Board members were briefed of Northumbria Police latest approach. Chief Inspector Kevin Benson is currently aiming to devise an Appropriate Adult Scheme across the Northumbria force due to the fact that 9% of arrests across the force require an Appropriate Adult. The scheme involves commissioning a third sector provider to establish and maintain a volunteer network to provide cover 24 hours per day. This requires funding from Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups. Sunderland Local Authority have already stated that they are unable to commit resources.

#### Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

NTW SAPP Practitioner currently seconded into team.

Board members received an update on the MASH progress to date. The MASH provides a regular opportunity for partner agencies and Council services to come together and discuss vulnerable residents in Gateshead to ensure that appropriate, co-ordinated, proportionate and timely interventions can be implemented to safeguarding and protect individuals. It provides a platform to devise referral pathways, mechanisms for sharing information and a shared understanding of partner roles and responsibilities. All referrals are input into CareFirst, so we can ensure information is captured, and monitored, using a standardised and consistent format. This also enables the MASH to identify in a timelier manner, if individuals are already and/or were previously known to services within Gateshead Council. The analyst for the MASH creates a list based upon Northumbria Police data which is refreshed on a monthly basis, ensuring that those clients with the most serial victims will receive support at the earliest stage. To date 21 serial victims have been allocated to workers.

## MCA/DOLS

The number of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards applications received in Gateshead since April 2015 to December is double to what were received last year with a 117% increase. This figure continues to rise significantly and the comparative data for the respective periods as outlined below serves to emphasise the increase:

- Between April and December 2014 there were 633 applications received.
- Between April and December 2015 there were 1372 applications received

There are a number of initiatives underway in which are currently in progress to improve the way Gateshead manage activity and performance for DoLS, including an entire electronic DoLS Management System on Care First which should aid productivity and ensure data forms part of the overall client record system. This will ensure that statistical requirements for Department of Health and HSCIC are captured easily and as an integral part of the overall management.

## **Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board: Anne Moore, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative**

Safeguarding Adult Board met on 12/1 /2016

### Funding and Budget

The funding and budget report for the SSAB sets out the expenditure for the current year and projected year end for the Safeguarding Adults Service.

Previously it was anticipated that there would be a slight underspend. However, reports now indicate that there will be an overall balance for the year. This is due to having to employ agency staff to support the Operational Safeguarding Adults Team to cover vacancies and sickness.

### Performance Report and Format

An overview was provided to members of the proposed dataset and draft format.

Performance data has not been produced during Q1 and Q2, this is due to the backlog of work within the operational Safeguarding Adults Team.

The delays are due to the volume of work, the capacity within the team and the new Care Act compliant recording process. A work plan has been put in place to ensure that the backlog of data is input. The numbers within the back log have recently reduced.

The Operational Safeguarding Adults Team are receiving a high number of referrals which are recorded as of high importance and when reviewed by the Practitioners are not considered to be at the correct level. This issue has been discussed at the Quality

Assurance (QA) Sub-Committee and further work is to take place to investigate the reasons for this. Further discussions will also take place around the use of the Threshold Tool at the next Executive Group meeting in February 2016. Should any further issues arise these will be presented to the next SSAB meeting.

Southern Healthcare: Assurance to the SSAB

CCG Designated Nurse provided an overview of the report commissioned by NHS England into Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust.

The report makes 23 recommendations for Southern NHS Trust, nine for commissioners and seven for national bodies. NHS improvements have responded to the report and set out action they will take in response to the recommendations.

The key findings were highlighted and the response from the Secretary of State. The CCG will also be undertaking a wider review into the investigation of deaths in a sample of NHS Trusts. As part of this review the CCG will assess whether opportunities for prevention of death have been missed. A report back to the SSAB with the findings of this investigation will be provided at a future meeting.

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