

**NORTHUMBERLAND TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Meeting Date:** 28 October 2015

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

**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: VIDA MORRIS, GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE**

Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board met on 7/9/2015. Attended by Jan Grey Head of Safeguarding and Public Protection.

## **Chairing Arrangements**

Members were provided with a proposal paper regarding future chairing arrangements for the NSAB. Over the past year we have been working towards greater strategic cohesion across the three main partnership boards in Northumberland. There is clear evidence that a more joint approach towards sexual exploitation, the Prevent agenda, FGM, domestic violence etc. is more efficient for partners and effective. The board members agreed to approach Northumberland Children's Safeguarding Board and propose to have one independent chair for a determined period of transition.

## **Safeguarding Quality Assurance framework (QAF)**

A timetable for completion of the new NoT QAF template was endorsed by members. Partners will return QAF by November and the assurance tools will be shared at the next development day .

## **Designated Adult Safeguarding Managers ( DASM)**

Members received a presentation on the requirement and role of the DASM that came into being with the introduction of the Care Act.

Their role is to support other professionals in their agencies to respond appropriately and proportionately to staff allegations of abuse or neglect. Designated professional roles should always be explicitly defined in job descriptions. The role of DASM requires the post holder to have a significant level of expertise and knowledge in adult safeguarding. (within the trust this role is undertaken by the Head of Safeguarding and public Protection)

## **Sexual Exploitation Strategy for Northumberland 2015-2018**

Board members approved the 3 year strategy for Sexual exploitation. This remains a hidden activity and therefore the aim of this strategy is to continue to raise the profile of the issue and develop expertise across all partner agencies. The aspiration of the Northumberland Boards is to develop a strategic overview of sexual exploitation

supporting a proactive partnership where those at risk are identified and safeguarded, and offenders are disrupted and prosecuted.

**NORTH TYNESIDE ADULT: RAJESH NADKARNI GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR,  
TRUST  
REPRESENTATIVE**

**North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board met on 8/9/2015**

**Safeguarding vulnerable people in the NHS-Accountability and Assurance Framework**

Board members received a presentation on the revised and replaced Safeguarding Vulnerable People in the Reformed NHS – Accountability and Assurance Framework issued by the NHS Commissioning Board in March 2013. The framework set out clearly the safeguarding roles, duties and responsibilities of all organisations commissioning NHS health and social care. It has been refreshed in partnership with colleagues from across the health and social care system, the Department of Health (DH) and the Department for Education (DfE), particularly recognising that the new responsibilities set out in the Care Act 2014 that came into force on 1st April 2015.

**Annual report**

**Board members received a presentation on the annual report that evaluates the performance against the four priorities within the business plan.**

Achieving the OUTCOMES that individuals who are involved in safeguarding desire. The strategic LEADERSHIP role for safeguarding adults at risk of harm and abuse. The Adults Board has responsibility for supporting partner agencies and importantly holding each other to account. Work during 2013/14 around this priority included the development of a quality assurance framework (a set of agreed standards and a means of audit against each standard) and 2014/15 has seen this being taken from paper to practice to audit safeguarding practices within each agency. Good quality SERVICE DELIVERY. We have been working to improve risk assessment and simplify reporting systems and ensuring that staff have the necessary competency to meet the needs of the local population. WORKING TOGETHER, which is vital to the success of Safeguarding Adults at risk.

**NEWCASTLE ADULT: DR JOHNATHON RICHARDSON, MEDICAL DIRECTOR,  
TRUST  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board met on 11/3/2015. Attended by Jan Grey Head of Safeguarding and Public Protection.

**Domestic Abuse and Violence in the Over 50s Project**

Board members discussed the area of domestic abuse and violence in the over 50s age group. Understanding of the prevalence, nature and context of abuse in this age group is more limited than in other age groups generally and there is also a gap in the knowledge profile for the Newcastle area. The discussion concluded that initiating a project to explore this area would be productive. The project could be organised in phases to ensure the workload associated with undertaking it remained manageable.

**Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat (CCC)**

Members received a report of the CCC monitoring meeting included a wide range of representation including Health (Clinical Commissioning Groups, General Practitioners, Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust), Newcastle City Council, Police, British Transport Police, North East Ambulance Service, Voluntary and Third sector. The report provide the Safeguarding Board with assurance that a lot of work has been undertaken to ensure we as partners are developing services within the auspices of the CCC and that monitoring arrangements are in place to ensure update and review takes place.

**Learning and Development Committee**

Members received an overview of the lessons learned from the exploration of the recommendations from a DHR produced by the Safer Sunderland Partnership. The report included themes around domestic abuse in the older population and highlighted some key considerations for safeguarding adults training programmes. In particular, the need to ensure that exploration around domestic abuse includes highlighting the potential for abuse between older couples and the use of routine enquiry to identify concerns. A Sexual Exploitation Capability Framework has been developed as part of the SE Training Plan. The framework aligns learner groups to expected capabilities and relevant areas of training and will be presented at the next M-SET meeting.

**SOUTH TYNESIDE ADULT: ANN MARSHALL GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR TRUST  
REPRESENTATIVE**

South Tyneside Adult Board met on 3/7/2015. This extraordinary meeting was attended by the Head of Safeguarding and Public Protection

The Independent Author presented to members the Overview report of the second Serious Adult review case of self-neglect.

## **GATESHEAD ADULT: ANNE MOORE, GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE**

Gateshead Safeguarding Adults Board met on 30/9/2015. Attended by Leesa Stephenson Safeguarding and Public protection Team Manager

### **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**

Board members received an update regarding the work that has been undertaken in relation to the multi-agency safeguarding hub. In Gateshead, it is acknowledged and recognised that there are many different levels of vulnerability ranging from cases of abuse involving severely disabled or very sick individuals who are wholly dependent on the care provided by the State. Some adults, particularly those suffering from physical or mental ill-health, suffer repeatedly from incidents of anti-social behaviour. 'Safeguarding' such individuals does present a complex challenge specifically for Gateshead Council, Northumbria Police and health partners. The MASH commenced in November 2014 with funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Vera Baird. Work continues to take place in relation to the development of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub. The Business Manager and Project Support Officer have been in post since the beginning of August, which will assist with the daily processes in relation to the MASH. The MASH will be extended until March 2017, as a result of the successful Home Office Innovation Fund Bid, to include a greater focus on the identification and support offered to protect serial victims of domestic abuse. As part of this process, we have commissioned two additional domestic violence workers to be part of the MASH to work with serial victims at all risk levels (including medium and standard risk victims of domestic abuse). This will link in and complement the existing IDVA provision that is available within the Borough to support high-risk clients. We have also commissioned one mental health worker and are in the process of commissioning another mental health worker and substance misuse worker to complement the MASH and support to serial victims of domestic abuse.

### **Human Rights Toolkit**

The Gateshead Older Peoples Assembly has undertaken a three year training programme with Age UK (England). The Our Right Our Voices Project has supported Gateshead Older Peoples Assembly to learn more about human rights and how to use them in the local community, enabling them to develop ambassadors for human rights. These ambassadors have produced the Human Rights Toolkit. The toolkit is a practical resource for using human rights to make a difference in the community. It aims to answer four main questions:

1. What are my human rights?
2. How are human rights relevant to me?
3. How can I put my rights into practice?
4. What resources are available to me?

The toolkit uses real life stories and it is hoped that it will inspire people and strengthen the difference we can all make in our community and the changing society in which people in Gateshead are living.

## **Care Act Implementation**

Board members were provided with an update with regards to implementation of the Safeguarding Adult duties within the Care Act 2014 and the excellent progress that has been made to date.

### **SUNDERLAND ADULT: DAMIEN ROBINSON MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE.**

Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Extraordinary Board met on 21/9/2015.

The Board met and signed off the Overview and Executive summary of a serious Adult review of a family case of self-neglect.

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**Gary O'Hare**  
**Executive Director of Nursing and Operations**