

NORTHUMBERLAND TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting Date: 24th January 2018

Title and Author of Paper: Local Safeguarding Adults Board Update Report
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Paper for Debate, Decision or Information: Information

Key Points to Note:

Regular update report for information.

Risks Highlighted to Board : None

Does this affect any Board Assurance Framework/Corporate Risks?
Please state Yes or No; No
If Yes please outline

Equal Opportunities, Legal and Other Implications:

Outcome Required: The Board of Directors are asked to note the content of this report.

Link to Policies and Strategies: Care Act 2014

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 and North Tyneside Joint Adults Board: Jackie Jollands, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative

The Board met on the 19th September 2017.

Modern Day Slavery - Verbal Update North Tyneside/Northumberland.

Police colleague gave the Board a background to the police work and then a presentation on modern slavery:

- forced labour in areas such as agriculture, factories
- sexual exploitation of vulnerable girls, commonly in nail bars, tanning salons etc.

Information shared, that slavery nationally is an ongoing problem and is affecting around 30,000.00.

There are 3 elements to modern slavery:

1. The act of modern slavery – recruitment. Often people are recruited from their national country where they are given the promise of pastures new.
2. Transportation – They are often required to fund their own passage. When arriving in this country they are often kept in a place with similar people where they are also controlled by an alpha male where all issues relating to their independence are quickly stripped away from them.
3. Purpose – To be put into forced labour and a life of servitude with minimal pay.

In terms of Northumberland this could be applied in farm working, factories and in the cleaning of holiday lets. In North Tyneside there is a particular issue relating to charity bags.

It was recognised that the local authorities have responsibility in terms of housing and caring for these people and that the police are in charge of prosecution and the criminal element. Health are responsible for health assessments, but it would appear there is no lead agency.

The panel were advised ongoing work is being done to identify a lead agency but it appears that requires a multi-agency approach to tackling modern slavery.

A regular multi agency meeting is now being held which looks at gathering intelligence and data and problem solving to protect vulnerable individuals.

Briefing of fire safety information following Grenfell fire

Fire officer rep presented a briefing note to the board and explained that this is a Northumberland response and it would be different in North Tyneside. She explained that operational fire fighters and qualified fire safety officers have carried out inspections; either by way of visual inspection, short audit around the possible spread of a fire and where external cladding is installed. The short audit programme indicated that 14 properties that required a full audit. The fire service has the authority to issue notices for improvement and can take forward to prosecution.

A North Tyneside perspective was not available for this meeting.

Newcastle Adult: David Muir, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative

The Board met on the 20th September 2017.

Positive and Safe

Rod Bowles, NTW representative, provided Board members with an update on Positive and Safe. This is an initiative which looks to bring down the use of restraint. Rod referred to Safewards which is a model of practice that seeks to identify what might lead to conflict (and subsequent restraint) on wards and suggests different interventions that might reduce this from happening. Some of the interventions include: clear and mutual expectations between patients and staff; Knowing You (finding out more about patients and staff, e.g. hobbies, favourite food); provision of more activities on evenings and weekends.

Another key part of Positive and Safe for NTW is Starwards, at the heart of which is a list of 75 ideas for improving patients' quality of time and treatment outcomes. These include some basic principles such as making sure there are newspapers/magazines available through to organising a football match or sports day. Other Board members were keen to apply some of the Positive and Safe principles to their health, care or accommodation settings.

Communications Plan

The NSAB have agreed a Communications Plan for the next year. The Board would like to be more proactive and positive around its communications. The key aims of the plan are to increase awareness of how to identify and report concerns, as well as increasing the visibility of the NSAB. A variety of methods will be used including: social media posts; press releases; an e-newsletter; distribution of posters and leaflets; and linking in with national awareness days.

Learning and Development Committee

Agencies had completed an audit of the training they provide on hate crime. This was following the Lee Irving Safeguarding Adults Review. All agencies had been including information on hate crime within their safeguarding adults training or delivering specific hate crime training. A number of agencies were going to refresh training so that it included reference to Lee Irving's case.

The NSAB Learning and Development Committee have been working with their counter-parts on the NSCB to agree a more consistent charging policy. Multi-agency safeguarding training will remain free for people who work/volunteer in Newcastle.

South Tyneside Adult: Vida Morris, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative

The Board met on the 9th November 2017.

In the main the meeting looked at the topic of the Adult Social Care change programme "Let's Talk" was successfully launched on the 1st November 2017. The new look service is to enable a single point of contact for Adult Social Care to access information and advice, based on the 3 conversations model. Work is ongoing with Partners 4 Change in respect of implementation of the model:

- What can we do to connect you to your community/what strengths and assets do you have?
- What can we do to support you in a crisis situation and what do you need – with a view to getting you back to where you were before the crisis?
- What long-term support is required – to reassess strengths/assets and what is required?

An update on the implementation of Phase 1 and the progress of Stage 2 was requested for the next meeting on the 8th January 2018.

Safeguarding Adults Development Session

The SAB development session took place on 17th October 2017.

The key area looked at were;

- Priorities – Have we got them right?
- Subgroups – have we got the right people in attendance?
- Areas for Improvement

Feedback from the Development Session will be discussed at the Management Group on the 28th November. A more detailed report will be provided for discussion at the next Board meeting on the 8th January 2018.

Update on SAB business.

There are currently no Safeguarding Adult reviews (SARs). There have been two Multi Agency Learning reviews; one case concerns working with transient people and working towards the Homeless Reduction Act which comes into force in April 2018. An update was requested for the January Board.

Modern Day Slavery - A meeting is to be held on the 10th November to discuss who should be the Single point of contact and what actions need to be taken. Specialist training for Modern Day Slavery is being offered to three sub-regional settings by Hope for Justice in January 2018 regarding the legal responsibility. A draft strategy for Modern day Slavery is to be brought to the next Board meeting in January

Gateshead Adult: Jane Carlile, Group Medical Director, Trust Representative

The Board met on the 6th July 2017.

Like the other board meetings very similar topics discussed, Modern Slavery, fire safety and emergency preparedness assurance with very similar outcomes.

Annual Report

Annual report presented and endorsed by all members.

Gateshead Homelessness & Multiple and Complex Needs assessment

The focus of the Health Needs Assessment is on homeless adults who have enduring multiple and complex needs. The report's recommendations have been warmly endorsed by the Gateshead Health and Well Being Board, who are convening a seminar to consider the recommendations in detail. The board strongly endorsed the report, with its focus on how to tackle the safeguarding needs of some of the most vulnerable people in Gateshead through a multi-agency approach to commissioning, designing and delivering services.

It was agreed that SAB members will be invited to join a seminar, which will include the Health and Wellbeing Representatives, Community Safety Representatives, and staff from the Leaving Care Service.

The MASH Team has been extended for an additional period of time. When the future of this team is considered, it will be sensible to consider the role that the MASH could play in identifying the needs of clients with multiple needs earlier.

The new Homelessness Reduction Act requires all partners to work together to reduce the number of people who are homeless.

Sunderland Adult: Vida Morris, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative.

The Board met on the 17th October 2017.

In the main the meeting discussed DHR's and SAR's ongoing in the Sunderland area.

Clinical Commissioning Group

An overview was provided of highlights and exceptions outlining key issues identified by the CCG.

Panel asked if contact had been made with LSCB as the role involves working with people from the age of 16.

Panel member queried IDVA numbers within the City and the possible change of the IDVA title, to one that does not include 'domestic violence' therefore not arousing suspicion of potential perpetrators – consideration to be had.

National mental health bed crisis

Panel member referred to the market position and issues around bed availability following Mental Health Act assessments. If the outcome of the assessment is for the service user to be detained, there are no beds available, which is an issue across England and a potential safeguarding issue.

NTW rep advised that NTW is aware of this issue and meetings are currently taking place regarding emergency measures. CQC are aware of the issue.

Gary O'Hare

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