

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board
Summary Minutes
Tuesday 28th January 2020 - 13:00 - 16:00
Ground-G16, One Angel Square, Angel Street, Northampton, NN1 1ED
Chair – Tim Bishop

The Independent Chair welcomed all present. The new Assistant Director for Safeguarding was welcomed to his first meeting of the Strategic Board since joining Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) Adult Social Services in November 2019. Introductions were made and apologies were noted.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th October 2019 were agreed as a true reflection of the discussions held.

The action log was reviewed and updated by members.

The 'Age Well' Wellingborough Video was shown, and members agreed that they would still like to hear the voice of people who need safeguarding at Board meetings. The 'Age Well' pilot was welcomed and members commented that funding for the voluntary sector was vital for the success of the programme.

The draft budget for 2020-21 was discussed but further clarification was requested by the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Members discussed a recent press article and it was agreed that a direct response was not required, but press coverage of the work of the board and more generally on Safeguarding in Northamptonshire was welcomed. Members also reviewed a draft NSAB Communications and Public Reporting Protocol and it was agreed that the Independent Chair will offer opportunities to provide insights into the work of the Board.

The Assistant Director for Adult Social Services provided an update on the developing Adult Social Care Target Operating Model. An update on safeguarding was provided and assurance on the continuing work around safeguarding notifications. Members requested an update at the next meeting on NASS assessments and reviews.

The Chief Executive of East Northamptonshire Council provided an update on the development of the two unitary councils. The required order for the two unitary councils still has to be agreed before going through the Houses of Parliament for approval. Elections for the new shadow authorities for the Unitary Councils will be held on 7th May with their pre-election arrangements in place from 31st March. The Unitary Councils will be in place from 1st April 2021.

Insight was provided on the Community Safety Board (CSB) which provides the strategic direction on community safety matters across the county. There are three district based Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs); Northampton, Daventry and South Northants and North Northants (covering Corby, East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough). The CSB has focused on four priority areas; Anti-social Behaviour, Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence, and Gang-Related Violence. The Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy has been approved and was awaiting ratification by each District & Borough Council.

Three NSAB Delivery Board meetings had taken place with 22 representatives attending the last meeting in December. An update was provided on Homelessness in Kettering and members requested a countywide picture for the next meeting. There is a new lead for the Suicide Prevention Group in place. NHFT gave a presentation on the countywide Crisis Cafes and a new service is in place for section 136. The meeting also received a presentation on Serious Organised Crime. Updates on hoarding, ARM and suicide prevention will be discussed at the next meeting.

NASS have agreed to collect the Adult Risk Management (ARM) data and will analyse the themes as well as the number undertaken and completed. Each agency should have at least one identified lead for ARM. Further awareness of the ARM process will be discussed at the NSAB Communication & Engagement and Learning & Development Sub Groups.

There has been a good response from all agencies for the Safeguarding Adult Review Composite Plans to date. The Plans will be monitored by the Quality & Performance Sub Group with exceptions reviewed at SAR Sub Group.

Members were reminded of the NSAB Development Day scheduled for 17th March which will focus on progress made against the Strategic Plan and any areas the Board may want to consider for the year ahead. In the autumn, the Board may consider holding a development day relating to the move to two unitary councils.

The Data Scorecard for Q3 (new format) was reviewed by members.

Report updates from the Independent Chair, Business Manager, Sub Group Chairs and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) were taken as read.

Abbreviations - What do they mean?

CSB	Community Safety Board – a meeting that brings together all the CSPs
CSP	Community Safety Partnership – Led by district councils whose focus is community safety
Data Scorecard	A way of showing statistically information in an easy to read format
NSAB Delivery Board	The operational management group that sits below the NSAB
NASS	Northamptonshire Adult Social Services
NCC	Northamptonshire County Council
NSAB	Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board
TOM	Target Operating Model – the way we want to work