

**Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board  
Summary Minutes  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 13:00 – 16:00  
Held virtually via MS Teams  
Independent Chair: Tim Bishop**

The Independent Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and apologies were noted.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were agreed as a true reflection of the discussions held.

The action log was reviewed and updated accordingly.

The Board received updates from the following organisations and projects:

- NHS Northamptonshire Clinical Commissioning Groups and Northamptonshire Adult Social Services – Local process for NHS hospital discharge and updated guidance from HM Government regarding hospital and care home visiting.
- Northamptonshire Adult Social Services – Implementation of the new strengths based model from 19<sup>th</sup> October which enables improved collaborative working with partners, and the new process for receiving safeguarding concerns and Public Protection Notices.
- Public Health Northamptonshire – Prevent – Following the recent terrorist attacks in France and Austria, the UK threat level has been raised from moderate to severe. A local overview and data was shared with members and it was noted that nationally, those with learning disabilities or known to mental Health services are more at risk of exploitation.
- Future Northants Update - Two Chief Executives and Directors of Adult Social Care have been appointed. Assistant Director posts will be finalised in the New Year. One Safeguarding Adults Board has now been agreed.
- The Independent Chair confirmed his intention of stepping down from the Board before the new unitary councils are in place.
- NSAB 2020-21 budget position statement.
- The partner self-assessment audit - progress is being monitored by the Quality & Performance Sub Group.
- Community Safety Partnership – Project Citadel continues to run in Kettering supporting young people involved in drug related activities. The project will roll out across the county in 2021.
- The Government introduced the Domestic Abuse Bill in August 2020 and all Local Authorities will be required to develop a Domestic Violence Board.
- NSAB Data Scorecard Summary.

Members were advised of the following items discussed at the October Delivery Board meeting:

- The impact that Covid is having on all services, particularly in Acute settings and mental health services.
- The Communication and Engagement Sub Group's #ReportIt Campaign was a great success with over 1000 poster downloads.
- Updates were received regarding 4 of the 5 strategic themes. An update on mental health has been rescheduled for the January meeting.

A number of reports were shared with members for their information ahead of the meeting, including:

- Independent Chair's Update
- Business Manager Update
- Quarterly reports from the four Sub Groups. In respect of the Communication and Engagement Sub Group, The Chair acknowledged the successful #ReportIt Poster Campaign which has had over 1000 poster downloads. A Safeguarding Survey will be launched on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November to coincide with National Safeguarding Adults Week.
- DoLS/LPS Quarterly Update.
- St Andrews Hospital Update.