

**Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board
Summary Minutes
Thursday 18th October 2018 – 13.30–16.30
Covey Room, One Angel Square, Northampton, NN1 1ED
Chair – Tim Bishop**

The Independent Chair welcomed all present. Introductions were made and apologies were noted.

There were no new declarations of interest from members.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th August 2018 were agreed as a true reflection of the discussions held.

The action log was reviewed and updated by members accordingly.

The meeting was updated that the review of the Mental Capacity Act continues its progress through the House of Lords with over 100 amendments tabled so far.

The Director of Operations, Adult Social Care for Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), updated members on NCC's current financial position and implications for Safeguarding Adults. A Stabilisation Plan has been put in place and budget setting for 2019-2020 is underway. The Local Authority is receiving support from the Local Government Association (LGA). The Government is providing £2.7m of extra funding to help support Delayed Transfers of Care. Assessments, reviews and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards were discussed in detail. The Director gave the Board assurance that the statutory duties of the council, including safeguarding adults, remained a priority for NCC. The Independent Chair thanked The Director of Operations for her honesty and transparency in bringing members up to date.

The draft programme for the 2nd Annual NSAB Conference in November was discussed.

The Independent Chair presented three papers on Board governance including Board Liabilities, GDPR – Subject access and Data Controller, and Terms of Reference (ToR), and a number of actions were noted following discussion.

The Business Manager presented the 2017-18 Annual Report and this was ratified at the meeting. The Independent Chair will present the report to Full Council on 22nd November.

The Head of Safeguarding for Northamptonshire Health Foundation Trust presented the revised Adult Risk Management process, and following discussion, this was also ratified by members. The Independent Chair thanked the members of the Quality & Performance Sub Group who had worked on this. The new process will be launched at the Annual Conference in November.

As part of a countrywide exercise, members were asked to consider deaths of homeless people. Members were advised that there had been very few homeless people that have died on the streets in the county. It appears there may be a lack of multi-agency work for those with mental health issues who are homeless. Northampton Borough Council have a scrutiny panel in place for homelessness and a report to January Board will be requested.

The Service Manager at Voiceability presented information for 2017-18 under the four advocacy services they provide.

The Commissioning Manager and Local Area Contact for Northamptonshire Health Foundation Trust provided a presentation on the local Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme. The review was established nationally in 2013 as a review of deaths of people with a learning disability, as people with learning disability are three times more likely to die at a younger age. There were 34 notifications received in Northamptonshire; 22 women and 12 men with the average age of death being 61. The place of death was usually a hospital or the place they usually lived at. Common causes reflect those nationally and include respiratory issues, dementia, cancer, bowel obstruction and sepsis.

Report updates from the Independent Chair, Business Manager and Sub Group Chairs Group Reports were taken as read and there were no questions or additional comments from members.