

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board
Summary Minutes
Thursday 4th July 2019 – 10:00 – 12:00
Ground-G01, One Angel Square, Angel Street, Northampton, NN1 1ED
Chair – Tim Bishop

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th April 2019 were agreed with minor amendments.

The action log was reviewed and updated by members.

The Director of Adult Social Services, Northamptonshire County Council, updated members on the ongoing process pathway review regarding the Customer Service Centre and Northamptonshire Police. The Northamptonshire Adult Social Services (NASS) Strategy had recently been approved and the new Target Operating Model (TOM) will be launched in July. The TOM will feed into the programme design for the two new unitary councils. The process to recruit a dedicated Assistant Director for Safeguarding was confirmed.

The Chief Executive of East Northamptonshire Council provided an update on the creation of the two unitary councils for West and North Northamptonshire, which had recently been approved by the Secretary of State. A Children's Trust for Children's Social Care (excluding Education) will also be created. The period for the transformation programme had been extended to April 2021. The two new local authorities will have to consider appointing their own Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) and Director of Children's Services (DCS). NSAB members would welcome a joint countywide Safeguarding Adults Board.

The draft Delivery Board Action Plan was approved following the first meeting on 10th June 2019. The action plan focuses on delivering the Board's Strategic Plan 2019-21 and is based on the five key themes: suicide, domestic abuse, homelessness, serious organised crime and adults that don't meet the need for statutory services.

The new NSAB website was presented and members welcomed the new improved site which included a number of pages rather than the current static site. A reporting concerns box is included on each page. Published Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) will be held on the site for a year, as professionals will be able to access via the national SAR library being created by the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE).

The 2019-20 budget had been revised following year-end.

An update on the current position of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and the transition to Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) which will be implemented in October 2020 was provided. Clarity on the LPS Code of Practice is awaited.

A presentation on the Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) was provided following publication of the national annual report. LeDeR is a review of all deaths of individuals with a Learning Disability. 4,302 deaths were recorded nationally to the end December 2018 and 16 reviews had been completed locally. The most common causes of death were respiratory issues including aspirational pneumonia, pneumonia but also cancer.

The Deputy Chief Executive of St Andrews Healthcare provided an update on the recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection of Fitzroy House; a 110 bed facility for children and adolescents. The recent CQC inspection rated Fitzroy House inadequate in safe care and leadership, but good in other areas.

Following the publication of two Children's Serious Case Reviews, assurance was provided that partners were aware of the learning briefings and the themes contained within.

The Board ratified a number of strategic documents including the SAR Protocol and revised Sub Group Terms of Reference.

Report updates from the Independent Chair and Sub Group Chairs were taken as read.