

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board – Summary Minutes
Tuesday 23rd January 2018
13.30 – 16.30
The Barn, Moulton College, Northampton

The Independent Chair welcomed all present, introductions were made and apologies given.

Due to timings there was no User Voice item.

The Board agreed that all outstanding Register of Interest forms were to be completed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

The action log was updated accordingly with members providing updates.

Feedback on the NSAB Annual Conference held on 6th November 2018 was provided. The theme of the event was Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) and Modern Slavery. Lyn Romeo the Chief Adults Social Worker for England spoke at the event. 136 people attended the conference, and it was deemed a success. Members would still welcome a joint conference with the Safeguarding Children Board.

The Independent Chair provided a quarterly report covering regional and national updates on MSP, Office of the Public Guardian, the SAR Library, Modern Slavery and Care Act changes.

The Business Manager provided her quarterly report and also advised members of a recent presentation from the East Midlands Safeguarding Adults Network on a review of 23 x regional Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and Domestic Homicide Reviews.

An updated Strategic Action Plan detailing key objectives was discussed, with partners providing feedback. The future strategic direction of the Board will be discussed in full at the Development Day on 20th March 2018.

Tina Swain agreed to take on the role of Vice Chair of the NSAB for the next 6 months.

A review of Q2 and Q3 performance data and hot topics were discussed, including:

- The winter pressures faced by hospitals and East Midlands Ambulance Service. The Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) confirmed they were working with the Quality Teams regarding any safeguarding concerns.
- The Quality & Performance Sub Group will review any large scale investigations moving forward.
- Analysis of hospital referrals following a regional review of 16 hospitals. Analysis showed that Northamptonshire had a mix of overall reporting and self-reporting. Having a large independent mental health hospital in the locality impacted the number of referrals submitted.

St. Andrews Healthcare are expecting a full inspection by Care Quality Commission (CQC) in the spring.

The draft complaints and escalation policy was approved.

The Board noted that NHS England has created a safeguarding assurance tool for CCGs so that they can identify areas of concern and good practice. CCGs complete the tool each quarter and return to NHS England, who compare the regional data.

The Board noted the new Local Government Association's Making Safeguarding personal resources: <https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/social-care-health-and-integration/adult-social-care/making-safeguarding-personal/resources> and sought assurance from partner agencies as to how they would make use of the resources within their own agencies.

The Board noted that CQC are due to undertake a Systems Review of Health and Social Care in March 2018.

The Board requested a new approach to Vulnerable Adult Risk Assessment Conference (VARAC) and Adult Risk Management (ARM) processes as the processes are confusing and not delivering the required outcomes.

The Board received an update on the current state of Deprivation of Liberty Standards (DoLS) assessments from Northamptonshire Adult Social care. The Board requested that it continued to be updated.

The Board received quarterly updates from the six Sub Group Chairs.

New guidelines on pressure ulcers had been produced and a small Task & Finish group will be set up to review key learning and recommendations before distributing to the wider partnership.

Confirmation was given regarding the internal process for unexpected deaths and serious incidents.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service now falls under the remit of the Home Office and as such, will expect an inspection during the next 12 months.