

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board
Summary Minutes
Wednesday 8th August 2018 – 13.30 – 16.30
Covey Room, One Angel Square, Northampton, NN1 1ED

The Independent Chair welcomed all present. Introductions were made and apologies given as above.

There were no further declarations of interest received.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th May 2018 were agreed.

The action log was reviewed and updated by members.

New standing agenda item - The Independent Chair advised members of a number of national reports of interest, including CQC - Beyond Barriers, NICE Guidance on Care & Support with Learning Disability and the national LeDer report. He also reminded colleagues of the Mental Capacity Amendment Bill 2017-2019, which is going through the committee stage of the House of Lords in September.

The Director of Adult Social Services provided members with an update on the Local Authority's financial situation and lengthy discussion followed. The Board requested assurance that Safeguarding Adults remained a priority for The County Council and this was received.

There were no questions arising from the Chair and Business Manager's regional updates.

The NSAB Strategic Plan 2018/2020 was ratified by Board.

The Quarter 1 (Q1) data was presented and a number of actions were taken away from discussions.

NCC Head of Service presented the quarterly update on DoLS including the current number of referrals received in Q1 and the number of awaited assessments. He confirmed that all assessments are triaged and prioritised by the small team of local Best Interest Assessors. Partners agreed they were aware of the escalation process.

SAR002 – NHFT confirmed they have discussed the action outcome with the family. Board agreed to close this action with assurance that ongoing work is being undertaken.

Service Director at St Andrew's Healthcare provided an update on progress made since the CQC Inspection at St Andrew's in May last year. The inspection rated a number of wards as inadequate resulting in an action plan being put in place. Since then, progress has been made and in March 2018, 3 wards and the Intensive Care Unit were rated good and feedback received acknowledged that practice had improved. As a result of the actions carried out the CQC warning notice has been lifted.

The Board received a presentation on NHFT learning from deaths and advised that the purpose of the review is to identify issues in care that might have contributed to death. In the last 6 months of 2017-18 there were 150 deaths reported, with 14 deaths reported to the LeDer programme. There had been joint working with KGH, NGH and NHFT. An independent inquiry takes place for every death that occurs in prison and if a homeless person is known to services, and these would be picked up by the review. Findings from the review may also support Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR).

Detective Chief Inspector of Northamptonshire Police gave a presentation on Serious Organised Crime in Northamptonshire. Serious violent crime is on the increase in the county, with Northampton and Wellingborough being the areas of most activity.

The following items will be ratified outside of Board:

2018/19 draft budget (*approval has since been received by all statutory partners*);
Learning & Development Offer Update; and
People in Positions of Trust (PiPoT) Policy.

The following items will be added to October Board agenda:

Decision Making Framework; and
Deaths of Homeless People – Guardian Article.

Any Other Business

- Annual NSAB Conference – 27th November, Kettering Conference Centre.
- 2017/18 Draft Annual Report – Draft will be shared outside the meeting.
- KGH County Wide Summit - 15th October. KGH will extend invitation for members to attend.

The Independent Chair gave thanks to partners for their presentations.