

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board
Summary Minutes
Tuesday 30th April 2019 – 10:30 – 12:30
G05, 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 Chair noted that this was the first meeting of the NSAB with the new membership following a change to the governance arrangements agreed at the January Board.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th January were agreed.

The action log was reviewed and updated by members accordingly.

A video showing a real life safeguarding story but with actors was shown to members. This highlighted someone with complex needs including drug use, domestic abuse, self neglect and a physical health needs. It highlighted the importance of a person centred approach in line with Making Safeguarding Personal.

At the Board Development Day on 14th March 2019, members reviewed the previous Strategic Plan 2018-20 and discussed priorities and themes for 2019-21. In line with the East Midlands region, three priorities were agreed, namely: Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP), Prevention and Quality. Members also agreed five themes: Suicide, Domestic Abuse, Street Homelessness, Serious Organised Crime and Adults that do not meet the need for Statutory Services. To support the coordination of the Strategic Plan, the newly formed Delivery Board will progress the implementation of the Board's priorities and themes via an annual Business Plan. Members approved the Strategic Plan 2019-21.

Matters were in hand for the set-up of the quarterly Delivery Board, with a Task & Finish group in place to review the draft Action Plan before being tabled at the first meeting in June. An update on the progress of the Delivery Board will be tabled at each Board meeting.

The Interim Chief Executive of South Northamptonshire Council provided an update on the progress of the creation of two new unitary councils.

The template for the new draft NSAB website, currently in development, was reviewed and agreed.

The Director of Adult Social Services, Northamptonshire County Council, updated members on the Adult Social Care transformation programme including the review of process pathways for the Customer Service Centre and Safeguarding. The financial year-end had ended positively, with Commissioners lifting the Section 114. However, the same level of internal financial scrutiny will remain in place.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) was discussed and an update on the current number of assessments was provided. Members were also made aware of the transition from DoLS to Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) in 2020. Member agreed to keep this as a standing agenda item.

The Data Scorecard for Quarter 4, and a number of partnership key performance indicators was reviewed. For the next Scorecard, CQC ratings for residential and nursing care will be added together with ratings for NHS.

Members agreed the 2018-19 year-end budget and the 2019-20 draft budget.

Members were asked to save the date for this year's annual conference on 7th November 2019.

The new Adult Social Care Strategy is due to go to Cabinet for approval and once ratified will be circulated to partners.

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