



<b>TITLE:</b> Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) Meeting: Public Minutes	
<b>DATE:</b> 17/01/2017	<b>LOCATION:</b> Committee Room 6, Civic Centre, Sunderland
<b>Organisations Represented:</b>	Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group Sunderland City Council Healthwatch Sunderland Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust Northumbria Police City Hospitals Sunderland National Probation Service Northumbria Community Rehabilitation Company Sunderland Carers Centre Gentoo
<b>Discussion Items:</b>	<p><b>Presentation: Introducing a Housing First Approach</b> Currently there are 5 Housing Related Support contracts in Sunderland. The Housing First Approach has come from a model used in the USA, and has also been successfully implemented elsewhere in the UK, with successful outcomes reported. The central premise of this model is that the housing need is the primary need to be addressed, other issues/needs are addressed following that, linking in with other services/agencies to support the individual, as required.</p> <p>To implement it in Sunderland, there has already been an internal reorganisation of the Access To Housing Team, a consultation with currently contracted housing related support providers and a consultation with service users. A multi-agency working group is taking this work forward.</p>
	<p><b>Presentation: Homelessness Health Needs Audit (HNA) Report</b></p> <p>The key points from a report into a recent HNA of the homeless population were presented and discussed. The Public Health England Toolkit was used as a basis for this exercise. The engagement team worked for 4 weeks with homeless people accessing hostels, soup kitchens, etc, to gather their responses. The high cost of healthcare for homeless people is a key finding. Access to inpatient hospital services for homeless</p>

	<p>people is higher than both local and national averages.</p> <p>Following on from a consultation exercise with commissioners, an action plan to address the health needs of homeless people has been formulated, which will be shared with the Board. Updated versions will also be shared as the work progresses, and homelessness was agreed as a key theme for the Board's forthcoming year's work programme.</p>
	<p><b>Presentation: Suicide Audit Findings, Suicide Prevention &amp; Drug Deaths</b></p> <p>The Office of National Statistics produce national data annually, then a local annual audit is undertaken by Public Health as a good practice exercise – this shows figures on a rolling 3-year basis. The local briefing report also covers the Sunderland Stands Together Campaign (see information below) and A Life Worth Living training (see information below).</p> <p>The age group of people committing suicide in Sunderland is slightly younger than the average for England - in terms of life lost, 39 years of life are lost in Sunderland, compared to 32 in England. In 2015, there were 24 deaths from suicide in Sunderland. Self-harm and suicide attempts are significant risk factors for suicides.</p> <p>There has been an increase in female suicides nationally. In the North-East, there has been a reduction of 21.5% in male suicides.</p> <p>Last year in Sunderland the suicide rate reduced and is continuing to reduce; it is now lower than the north-east region and just below the rate for England.</p> <p>The suicide audit's key findings for reasons &amp; contributing factors to suicide are financial and debt problems (highest category), a large proportion live alone, are single, divorced, separated or widowed, have had a change in relationship and are isolated. In most of the cases, the people are employed and those on lower paid jobs are more of a risk than unemployed.</p> <p>A number of recommendations/actions to tackle the problem were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People need to be able to access services when they need them;</li> <li>• A data sharing agreement put in place regionally which will help to build up a picture about local residents;</li> <li>• Continue with a suicide audit;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some areas commission specific services with identified practical support;</li> <li>• Talking to Mental Health Services;</li> <li>• If working with a client making suicide attempts, the support of relatives and others known to them is often important &amp; beneficial.</li> <li>• A funding bid being put in that is focused around men and suicide, and includes other agencies such as football clubs to support the bid/work</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunderland Stands Together Campaign</b> This campaign is around suicide prevention. The premise is that when one person is struggling, we can all help. A web page is currently being developed to host information in one place, e.g. details about Samaritans, Mental Health Service, Crisis Team, Debt Management etc. Once this web page has been fully developed it will be launched. In addition, Public Health England is planning to do a region-wide campaign on Suicide Prevention in December.</p> <p><b>Suicide Prevention Training – ‘A Life Worth Living’</b> This training is currently delivered by Washington MIND, and has been re-commissioned in December to be run for up to a further 4 years, developing suicide prevention skills in the community, meaning that if people had an opportunity to intervene, they may feel more confident to do that. Washington MIND also has funding to target workplaces, and delivers ‘Blue Light’ training with emergency staff.</p>
	<p><b>Minutes of previous SSAB Meeting – October 2016</b> Agreed as a final and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Minutes of previous Executive Meeting – December 2016</b> Noted are for Board members’ information.</p>
	<p><b>Quality Assurance and Performance Reporting</b></p> <p><b>Performance Report</b> It was noted data recording and quality of data has improved, leading to more accurate reporting on key areas. One of these is that the number of safeguarding adults’ referrals being received continues to increase.</p> <p><b>Safeguarding Adults Referral Form (SERF) content review</b> Work is being done to review and improve the content of the SERF. The name of the SERF will also be changed going forward, to Safeguarding Adult Concern; this is in line with other neighbouring authority areas. The Threshold Tool is also being revised to include a Risk Assessment checklist which should support referrers to decide on the most appropriate level of risk</p>

	<p>before they submit the concern.</p> <p>The revisions to the SERF and the Threshold Tool should support the Operational Team to make more informed decisions on how to proceed with each case, and reduce the time spent clarifying information with referrers.</p> <p>Performance information gathered from across the partner agencies will continue to be developed through the Quality Assurance work.</p>
	<p><b>SSAB Finance Report</b></p> <p>The report was presented, showing a projected balanced budget of an underspend of the Safeguarding Adults' Board Business Unit, and an overspend in the Operational Safeguarding Adults' Team. This is mainly due to the spend on agency staff within that team to cover vacant posts.</p> <p>Interviews have been taking place and permanent appointments have been made to the 2 Safeguarding Officer posts. Once the posts are filled, there will be no ongoing need for agency staff, which will reduce budget spend and providing a balanced position by the end of the year.</p> <p>It was noted that partner agency financial contributions to the work of the Board are an ongoing issue.</p>
	<p><b>Discussion: Strategic Landscape and Organisational Changes – Impact on SSAB Priorities &amp; Work Programme</b></p> <p>The work done in recent months to review the structure, membership &amp; governance of the Board and its sub committees was summarised. The outcomes have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The refocusing of the Board and Executive membership, with an emphasis on Challenge, Influence &amp; Assurance. The Board will be known as the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board going forward, and the current Executive Group will be known as the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Group.</li> <li>• The agreement for the Board to meet 6-monthly rather than quarterly</li> <li>• The Board and the Partnership Group will oversee the work of the Sub Committees and may commission specific pieces of work via one or both of the Sub Committees</li> <li>• The ceasing of the 3 sub committees that were joint with the Safeguarding Children Board, and the refocusing of the work of the two remaining sub committees: Learning &amp; Improvement In Practice (LIIP) and Quality Assurance (QA), to include safeguarding adults elements from the 3 joint sub committees which still need to be taken forward.</li> <li>• All the new Board arrangements will be in place by April 2017.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>PREVENT Developments – Update Report</b></p> <p>The Prevent Organisation Co-ordination Group in Sunderland is made up of organisations that have a duty and some additional partners who have some direct contact with people. The statutory guidance provides a framework for actions, and these need to progress collectively to ensure City-wide compliance.</p> <p>Sunderland has had a high rate of Prevent referrals, but many of these related to the activity and subsequent criminal conviction of one extremist individual. Most of the referrals are about males.</p> <p>Assurance was provided to the Board that there is compliance by agencies with the Prevent duty, and there are mechanisms to ensure full participation of agencies across the Partnership.</p> <p>It was noted by several agencies the local Prevent arrangements work well, and when a Prevent referral is received, it is very quickly responded to.</p>
	<p><b>Adult Sexual Exploitation Task &amp; Finish Work</b></p> <p>There is ongoing work in this area from two existing projects. In addition, there has been a joint bid with Changing Lives, supported by the Safer Sunderland Partnership, for £70,000 towards this work. The Task and Finish Group set up to look at this issue will meet again once the outcome of the bid is known (this should be in April 2017).</p>
	<p><b>CQC Report – Missed Opportunities to learn from Patient Deaths – assurance from local NHS partners</b></p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed all the Health partners' responses to the CQC report would be received by the Quality Assurance Sub Committee via a composite report from the CCG on behalf of them all, to provide the necessary assurance required by the Board.</p>
	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Following a query about a report from another are showing inappropriate interactions by police officers with vulnerable people, Northumbria Police confirmed they have an internal process to deal with any such incident professionally and robustly.</p> <p>A request has been made by the Sunderland Domestic Violence Partnership (SDVP) that the Board supports the SDVP's bid for a funding opportunity to support the Violence Against Women &amp; Girls (VAWG) work. The bid needs to be submitted by 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The Safeguarding Children Board has already supported this bid. SSAB members agreed to support this bid.</p>

	<p><b>RESTRICTED: Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)/Other Reviews/Cases for Scoping</b></p> <p>A Media Planning meeting for the publication of a SAR has been arranged.</p> <p>Members were advised of a recent case referred into the SSAB as a possible SAR, which had come from a LeDeR Review (Learning Disabilities Mortality Review process – a national programme). Whilst the case did not meet the criteria for a SAR, recommendations from the LeDeR Review process will be shared with the Learning and Improvement In Practice (LIIP) Sub Committee and a briefing will be provided to the April Board on the case to give assurance that the learning from the case will be taken into account by the relevant agencies.</p> <p>The LIIP Sub Committee is to be involved in the scoping process of a South Tyneside case.</p>
	<p><b>RESTRICTED: Managing the Market: Update Report</b></p> <p>The key points from the Local Authority’s report about their commissioned services for adults who need social care support were shared.</p> <p>A recommendation was made in the report about the Board receiving a similar report in future from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on the services they commission – it was agreed the CCG representative would take this recommendation back to the CCG.</p>
	<p><b><u>For information (not discussed)</u></b></p> <p>Sub-Committee Quarterly Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning &amp; Improvement Practice</li> <li>- Quality Assurance</li> </ul> <p>Self-Neglect Guidance (addition to Safeguarding Adults Multi-Agency Procedures)</p>