



TITLE: Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) Meeting: Public Minutes	
DATE: 17/10/2017	LOCATION: Committee Room 6, Civic Centre, Sunderland
Organisations Represented:	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
Discussion Items:	Minutes of previous SSAB Meeting – April 2017 Agreed as a final and accurate record of the meeting.
	Minutes of previous Executive Meeting – September 2017 Noted are for Board members' information.
	<p>Governance:</p> <p>a. SSAB Finance Report The SSAB budget is currently over budget due to the use of 1 remaining agency staff (contract due to end) and Operational Safeguarding Adults Team employee expenses. The projected overspend is currently balanced by an increase in funding from the Council.</p> <p>b. SSAB Performance Scorecard The Performance Report is to be revised to provide more information and trends and by Quarter 3 it should have developed into a report providing a broader range of multi-agency data.</p> <p>Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) has seen an improvement in Quarter 1 by asking vulnerable adults what they would like to see being achieved from the safeguarding adults' process – this remains an area for ongoing development.</p>

	<p>Ways to improve audit processes were discussed.</p> <p>c. SSAB Annual Report 2016-17</p> <p>Board members signed off the content of the Annual Report. It was agreed it would be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Scrutiny Committee, and placed on the SSAB's website for public & professionals to view.</p>
	<p>a. Proposal for Adult Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in Sunderland</p> <p>Northumbria Police provided a presentation regarding the proposed Force Improvement Programme – Safeguarding Operating Model. This includes plans to implement the MASH model in all areas which this police force covers. A MASH combines staff from Police, Local Authority and potential others, to provide a multi-agency response to safeguarding issues. The benefits of the MASH model were highlighted and it was noted there are ongoing discussions to look at how this could be put in place in Sunderland.</p> <p>b. Future plans for Operation Sanctuary</p> <p>Operation Sanctuary in Newcastle has been brought to a close with a number of high level convictions and sentences. The next step is that the Joint Serious Case Review summarising the learning from all these cases is being independently reviewed and will then be published towards the end of the 2017 Calendar year.</p> <p>As a result of Operation Sanctuary; Team Sanctuary was set up. This is the establishment of multi-agency hubs north and south of Tyne working on cases of sexual exploitation. The Team have proven themselves to be successful and their work positively recognised nationally.</p> <p>c. Migration & Modern Day Slavery: Update</p> <p>Migration</p> <p>The North East Migration Partnership covers Local Authorities from Teesside to Northumberland. Middlesbrough is the host authority. Key Migration Partnership partners are Police, Health and Employment Services.</p> <p>The Compass Asylum Dispersal Contract (a Home Office Scheme) pays for accommodation and food whilst 'leave to remain' decisions are being made. This can be anything from 3 months to 2 years. If leave to remain is granted the asylum seeker becomes a UK citizen. There have not been a great number of safeguarding referrals from the 'leave to remain' group of people.</p>

	<p>There is also the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Team based in Kent, who work with unaccompanied children.</p> <p>Modern Slavery The Home Office is still reviewing the national referral mechanism which has slowed developments at the national level.</p> <p>There have been a number of arrests of employment agencies who had been employing workers and exploiting them by moving them to factories out of the area to carry out cheap labour.</p> <p>d. Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Proposal The SSAB was requested to provide commitment from operational and strategic groups to the MEAM agenda; this was agreed.</p> <p>A fact-sheet capturing the principles of the MEAM way of working will be created and provided to all Board organisations and members.</p>
<p>Presentation:</p>	<p>Impact of the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Role in City Hospitals Sunderland CHS implemented the hospital IDVA service in December 2016 in collaboration with Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group and Wearside Women In Need (WWIN). This service supports victims of domestic abuse & violence when they are admitted to hospital as a result of injuries from domestic abuse/violence, and also when an individual discloses domestic abuse/violence when in hospital for a planned appointment/operation. By March 2017 there had been such a positive impact that the BBC approached and began filming a documentary. They shadowed the domestic abuse police car and hospital IDVA.</p> <p>There has been an increase in staff accessing the IDVA service and midwives are now also using the service. Knowledge of the service is now spreading out into other departments of the hospital. A Domestic Abuse for Staff Policy is to be launched.</p> <p>Evidence has been collected of hot-spot times, which helps to achieve maximum positive outcomes for the individuals who need help and support.</p>
	<p>RESTRICTED: Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)/Other Reviews/Cases for Scoping</p> <p><u>SARs</u> Members were updated about the ongoing SAR: the Independent Author has shared the 2nd draft of the SAR report</p>

	<p>with Review Panel members for comment. It was noted the subject's family member has been offered every opportunity to be a part of the review process, but they have decided they do not want to be part of the review. The final draft report is anticipated shortly; following agreement by the Review Panel it will then progress to Board level for sign off. A Media Planning meeting for the publication of the SAR will then be arranged.</p> <p>A scoping meeting was held on 4th September 2017 regarding a potential SAR; however this did not meet the Care Act criteria.</p> <p><u>Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)</u> 2 DHR's were discussed. The first was accepted as a DHR on the 7th August 2017, relating to a homicide in the south of the city. The second related to a case from May 2016 where an adult male was admitted to hospital following an assault and subsequently died in December 2016. On 10th October 2017 a scoping meeting found this met the criteria for a DHR. The Safer Sunderland Partnership (SSP) takes the lead on the DHR process. SSP will provide progress updates to SSAB about these reviews.</p>
	<p>RESTRICTED: Managing the Market: Update Report</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>The key points from the Clinical Commissioning Group's report about their commissioned services for adults who need health care were shared.</p>
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The issue of limited in-patient bed availability following Mental Health Act assessments (a problem across England) was discussed. It was agreed a letter would be written to NHS England to raise this issue.</p> <p>Northumbria Police highlighted Operation Rose, which linked to historic sexual and physical abuse of children in care homes in the Northumbria area, including Sunderland. There are historic cases dating back 15 years (therefore some victims will be adults now). A Senior Investigating Officer has been appointed and a partner meeting will be required. The investigation may result in requests for evidence from partner agencies.</p>