

TITLE: Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) Meeting Minutes: Public Minutes	
DATE: 24/04/2018	LOCATION: Committee Room 6, Civic Centre, Sunderland
Organisations Represented:	Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group Sunderland City Council Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust Northumbria Police
In Attendance:	Independent Author for the 'Eva' Safeguarding Adult Review
Part A – Restricted Items:	<p>Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)/Other Reviews/Cases for Scoping</p> <p>The Independent Author provided a presentation on the 'Eva' SAR and summarised the learning points and recommendations from the review.</p> <p>The Governance process is complete and media and publication planning continues.</p> <p>Board members agreed the content of the report, subject to improved referencing in relation to single and multi-agency recommendations. It was agreed that the Partnership Group, on behalf of the Board, would oversee the amendments to the recommendations and publication of the review.</p>
	<p>Domestic Homicide Reviews 3 & 4</p> <p>Board members were given a short update and informed that these two reviews are progressing according to expected timescales.</p>
	<p>Market Update Reports</p> <p>The Board received updates from Sunderland City Council and Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group on the key issues and developments in relation to the services they commission for people with health and social care needs.</p>
Part B: Business Agenda Items	Minutes of previous SSAB Meeting – October 2017

	Signed off.
	<p>Governance</p> <p>Sir Paul Ennals has recently been appointed as the new Chair of the Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Executive Board and will be in post for the next Partnership Group in May 2018. A press release regarding his appointment has been circulated.</p>
	<p>SSAB Finance Report</p> <p>The Board were informed that budget pressures around employee costs (due to a need to temporarily use agency staff) and training course costs had been dealt with and the Board's budget is now balanced.</p>
	<p>Performance</p> <p>The numbers of concerns are increasing every year with the main sources of concern still coming from permanent care homes. Enhancements to the Safeguarding Adults Concern (SAC) form and further awareness-raising and training for partners mean that this increase is expected. It was noted that Sunderland's local safeguarding adults performance figures profile is in line with regional figures.</p> <p>It was agreed to include compliments as well as complaints in the Performance report going forward.</p>
	<p>Assurance Framework</p> <p>The Board was provided with an overview of the Assurance Framework, summarising the activity and progress made.</p>
	<p>Modern Day Slavery (MDS): Regional Position Statement</p> <p>Nationally there are currently 568 live Police operations, 348 of which are in the North-East. The North-East is currently the leader on MDS due to a previous operation which was identified as best practice around Sexual Exploitation and MDS.</p> <p>Work is ongoing around key places where modern slavery is known to occur, it was noted victims rarely disclose due to the level of control held over them, often significant violent threats to individuals and their family members. Victims are usually identified through intelligence, Police operations and surveillance (both human and technical).</p> <p>The issue is both local and national. MDS victims can have a huge distrust for law enforcement as Police forces may be corrupt or ineffective in the countries of origin. Numbers of MDS have tripled since 2015. The types of MDS include sexual exploitation, 'pop-up brothels' and labour exploitation such as</p>

	<p>car washes/ factories/food industry/construction/nail bars. Criminal exploitation tends to be drugs, and is a challenging area.</p>
	<p>Homelessness Reduction Act</p> <p>The Board was informed that the new Act is due to commence in April 2018 and the number of days which an authority should treat someone as threatened with homelessness has extended from 28 to 56 days. Sunderland has adopted this approach as good practice since April 2017 and therefore do not expect an influx.</p> <p>It was noted that there is no significant problem in Sunderland with rough sleepers. There has however been an increase in the presence of beggars, which can lead people to believe these people are homeless. There are also 3 city centre hostels which add to the public impression that there is an issue.</p> <p>It was agreed an assurance statement would be sought from SSAB partner agencies, to detail what they have done to prepare for the Duty To Refer clause in the Homelessness Reduction Act, which comes into force in October 2018. It was agreed that this exercise would be done via the Quality Assurance sub-committee and results fed back to the SSAB.</p>
	<p>Report: Self-Neglect Themed Review</p> <p>A Self-Neglect Workshop was held, with attendance from 29 workers from a range of agencies. The event received positive feedback and recommendations arising from the event were made.</p>
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Tyne & Wear Care Alliance (TWCA)/Family, Adult & Community Learning (FACL)</p> <p>It was noted TWCA/FACL has recently been given an inadequate rating by an Ofsted inspection; this included issues about how staff identify, understand and raise safeguarding concerns. Board members were advised that there is existing performance data that provides assurance that TWCA/FACL are addressing the issues identified by Ofsted, and an action plan has been developed. It was agreed this information would be shared with Quality Assurance, then the Partnership Group, in the next scheduled QA Sub Committee update report.</p> <p>HMIC 'PEEL' Inspection Report</p> <p>The Board were advised that Northumbria Police's overall 'effectiveness' has been rated as 'requiring improvement'. A further update and action plan will be shared with the Partnership Group in due course, to provide assurance on how this will be addressed.</p>

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