



**Bath & North East Somerset
Local Safeguarding Adults Board**

**KEY MESSAGES FROM THE CHAIR
SEPTEMBER 2016**

The LSAB met at Keynsham Community Space on 20th September and the Chair Reg Pengelly would like to share the following messages with you:

Pressure Ulcers Prevention Project

The Board received a presentation about the Pressure Ulcers Prevention Project. This is a local initiative led by Sirona care and health, which aims:

- To develop a collaborative approach to pressure ulcer prevention in the community;
- To help carers identify those at risk of developing pressure ulcers;
- To provide information about how to prevent pressure ulcers;

Pressure ulcers are a significant risk to people with restricted mobility, are the source of considerable pain to already poorly people and can lead to death. Worse still, they are preventable!

The Project has produced a variety of innovative resources to support both carers and patients/service users in preventing pressure ulcers, including a DVD, information books, door hangers and a patient passport. Training for carers can be made available.

BaNES NHS CCG and Sirona care and health are currently exploring how to roll out this important initiative more widely in collaboration with other agencies.

For further information please contact Jodie.Davies@Sirona-cic.org.uk

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

The Board received a case study presentation demonstrating the effective use of "Making Safeguarding Personal" (MSP). In this case, a man with a number of healthcare needs had presented at hospital and in the course of his treatment, self-neglect was determined to be a contributing feature. Thanks to maintaining dialogue between the man and a lead social worker, a number of issues were resolved with his involvement at every stage, including a deep clean of his home and his cessation of alcohol / substance misuse.

The Board also received reports following a survey of staff attitudes to the challenges and opportunities presented by MSP and the experiences of service users who have been through the safeguarding process recently. Both surveys have provided useful information that will support the continuing process of implementation and improvement. The Board has resolved to support further such surveys as the means to monitor use of this essential tool. Accessible Information Leaflets for service users to help understanding of the various stages of the safeguarding process have been developed and will soon be made available on the LSAB website:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/care-and-support-and-you/safeguarding-and-legal-information>

Welfare Reform

The Board learned of a Government pilot introducing significant changes to welfare payments that includes the amounts payable, how they are paid and their timing. Most will be payable monthly in future and only to nominated bank accounts. It was recognised that these reforms will bring further hardship to people as well as recently released prisoners. Currently the Government is being lobbied to ameliorate some of these reforms but in the meantime, professionals are advised to read the briefing on the LSCB and LSAB websites.

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) will go live on Monday 26th September and will be based at Keynsham Police Station. This is an important new resource that will make notifications of concerns and referrals much more effective. **It is important to note that the MASH is not a substitute for existing arrangements for making referrals.** It is a tool that will be used when such referrals are thought to require further clarification to assist an informed decision.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Annual Report (DoLS)

Since the Supreme Court ruling that extended the threshold for DoLS applicable cases in 2014, there has been a substantial increase in cases across the country. In B&NES this has resulted in a significant increase in workloads and an inevitable backlog of cases. The DoLS team at B&NES Council will be prioritising the use of the new care records electronic system, Liquid Logic, to streamline processes and will continue to provide training and support for Mental Capacity and DoLS. Additionally they will be taking an overview of Community DoLS and will monitor compliance with conditions attached to DoLS approvals.

Provider Self Assessment

The LSAB recently undertook a self-assessed audit of provider safeguarding arrangements. An encouragingly large number and diverse range of providers responded as well as all member agencies of the LSAB. The audit has revealed that in general, the responding organisations take safeguarding very seriously although were in need of some improvement. The LSAB have

resolved to support a means to monitor and to offer support in the implementation of improvements.

Joint LSCB and LSAB Stakeholder Event – Domestic Abuse

On the 2nd November the LSCB and LSAB are holding their first stakeholder event on Domestic Abuse. The event is being held at Somerdale Pavilion; Keynsham many of you will have received a 'save the date' flyer for this so many of you will have this already on hold in your diaries. Please note the change in venue and also look out for the flyer which will detail how to book a place via

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