

# Bath & North East Somerset - Local Safeguarding Adults Board

## KEY MESSAGES FROM THE CHAIR

DECEMBER 2014



### Main item

The Board met on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Robin Cowen (Chair) was unable to attend but we maintained an Independent Chair as Damaris Howard, Operations Director for Freeways had arranged to cover for him. We were a little down on numbers with some important partners unable to attend but, despite this, we covered a lot of ground. The minutes will be on the B&NES website, but below are some of the key messages from the meeting.

- We discussed the implications of the Care Act 2014 which will give the LSAB statutory status from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. As a result there is a lot of work to prioritise to ensure that the Board is compliant and we have agreed a new sub group works as part of the Board to align all our work.
- Making Safeguarding Personal – it was really pleasing to hear all the work being done now in B&NES as a follow on from the National pilot earlier this year. We agreed that the Making Safeguarding Personal group would incorporate the work of the Care Act Transformation sub- group, as their work should be a shorter task and finish group. In this way we will make our best efforts to align all the requirements of Making Safeguarding Personal, our multi-agency policies and the requirements of the Care Act.
- The LSAB held a stakeholder event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November which was well attended and had two very inspirational speakers. The LSAB have listened to the feedback and ideas expressed on that day and, as an example, from our March meeting onwards the meeting will include a case study to ensure that both the service user voice is heard in safeguarding and to ensure the LSAB looks at practice and learning from an allegation.
- The LSAB agreed to hold a joint development day with the LSCB (Children's Board) in April to further the work of both the LSAB and LSCB where learning and actions can be shared.
- The Local Government Association (LGA) are visiting B&NES in March 2015 to undertake a peer review of our safeguarding processes and our meeting in March has been moved to enable their attendance.
- As you know at the last LSAB meeting and Key Messages, Robin Cowen, announced that he would be stepping down as the Independent Chair in June 2015. He will be greatly missed by all on the Board. We are pleased to announce, though, that after a

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recent interview, Reg Pengelly, currently Chair of the LSCB, will take over from Robin and will shadow the role by attending both the March and June LSAB's so that he is familiar with the dynamics of the Board. Reg comes with 1 years' experience as Chair of the LSCB and a wealth of experience in safeguarding, predominantly with children, but is fully aware of the issues and task ahead. We look forward to working with him at such an exciting and changing time in the world of safeguarding adults.

The next B&NES LSAB is on: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

Damaris Howard (Acting LSAB Chair 01.12.14)

on behalf of Robin Cowen, Independent Chair, B&NES LSAB