

## Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Board

**Friday 1 February 2013**

The meeting started at 1.00 pm and finished at 4.00 pm.

*Note: At a future meeting, the Board will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

### 1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the code of conduct -

<b>Name</b>	<b>Minute Number and Issue</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Jim Gould, Independent Chair.	All items	Non-Executive Member of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Healthcare Trust, Independent Chair of Bath and North East Somerset Safeguarding Board. Independent Chair of the Plymouth Local Safeguarding Children Board.	Personal

### 2. **BUSINESS PLAN**

The Safeguarding Adults Board business Plan was considered by the Board. It was reported that the plan was still in draft form and there would be further opportunity to comment. Parts of the plan required further consideration, these included –

- Training
- Governance
- Alert Pathways

A serious case review group had been set up and governance would be considered by group during March / April.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **3. HEALTH**

Claire Cotter and Martin Cordy from the NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (Western Locality) updated the Board on the CCG's safeguarding Strategy. It was reported that –

- (a) the strategy was in draft form and would be presented to the Children and Young People's safeguarding Boards;
- (b) there was an expectation that a representative of the NHS Commissioning Board Local Area Team would be represented on the Board.

Agreed that a review of joint policy and procedures in relation to alerting and investigation would be undertaken by Martin Cordy and Roslynn Azzam in March 2013.

### **4. POLICE**

Paul Northcott of Devon and Cornwall Police provided a safeguarding update from the Police. It was reported that -

- (a) there had been a recent review of public protection services. A good model had been developed and had been forwarded to the chief officers group, subject to any changes the model would be implemented from March 2013;
- (b) the Police and Crime Commissioner had highlighted protecting vulnerable people in his policing plan;
- (c) an update on which section of the Police Force would deliver services in relation to 'mate' and 'hate' crime would be provided at a later date;
- (d) vulnerable people who have been subject to fraud would receive a visit from a police officer.

### **5. SERIOUS CASE REVIEW**

It was reported to the Board that –

- (a) one Serious Case Review was being undertaken on the Board's behalf;
- (b) the police investigation in relation to the incident continued and the although the coroner's report had been drafted no inquest date had been set;

- (c) the Independent Police Complaints Commission were also undertaking enquiries.

## 6. **DASHBOARD DEMO**

The Board received a demonstration on the Adult Social Care Dashboard, a software solution for managing social care information within the People Directorate.

It was reported that the dashboard ensured that the Adult Social Care Department was fully compliant with data quality standards, the system assisted in robust analysis of data.

Agreed that Debbie Butcher, Martin Cordy and Karen Grimshaw would meet and discuss how a multiagency safeguarding Dash Board could be developed.

## 7. **CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

It was reported to the Board that –

- (a) unannounced multi agency child protection inspections were being consulted on. Inspections would be unannounced and carried out over a two-week period. The inspection team would look at the work of all local services responsible for protecting children including social care, health, education, police, probation and the criminal justice system. They would focus on the effectiveness of how agencies worked together in partnership to identify, help and protect children who may be at risk of harm;
- (b) the joint inspection team will spend much of their time tracking the experience of children which includes observing and shadowing professionals working and interacting with children. Inspectors will also talk to practitioners to discuss casework and where possible to the children concerned, their families and carer;
- (c) partners in the city were at the early stages of ensuring that they would be inspection ready;
- (d) both children's and adult's services would be inspected as part of the process.

Agreed that –

1. Tony Staunton's report to the Children's Safeguarding Board to be distributed with the minutes;
2. Tony Staunton to be invited as a standing item on the Safeguarding Adults Board agenda.

8. **CORPORATE RISK PLAN**

A corporate risk plan in relation to safeguarding had been drafted and would be shared with the council's corporate management team. A further update would be provided to the Board at its next meeting.

**PERFORMANCE**

9. **AVA**

The Board received an Abuse of Vulnerable Adults Comparator report. It was reported that there was a significant increase in alerts received in 2011/12 compared to previous years which was higher than the average number of alerts per population across England and within the city's comparator group. The high number of alerts was a positive indication of awareness of adult abuse and the process for making alerts.

10. **SAFEGUARDING AUDIT**

The Board discussed the approach that Cornwall Council had taken to Adult Safeguarding Audits. Members of the Board commented that options should be explored with the Children's Safeguarding Board on the possibility of joint working.

Agreed that –

1. the Chair would investigate the development of an Adult Safeguarding Audit based on that carried out by Cornwall Safeguarding Adult Board;
2. dates would be circulated for multiagency case audits.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

11. **TRAINING**

The Board received an update on a Safeguarding Adults Training Strategy.

Agreed to establish a training sub group to review the validity of current adult safeguarding training and the establishment of a Kitemark to accredit providers.

12. **HOUSING UPDATE**

Stuart Palmer provided an overview of the council's housing services. It was commented that the youth service, families for the future and private sector housing teams may be a source of alerts.

Agreed that Stuart Palmer would investigate whether all members of his department had had adequate safeguarding adults training.

13. **PUSH UPDATE**

An update on the work being undertaken by the Plymouth Users Safeguarding Hub was provided to the Board. The PUCH representative felt that it was no longer required for a representative to be present at all meetings.

Agreed that Debbie Butcher would provide a contact in Adult Social Care for the PUSH representatives.

14. **CONFIRMATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013 1pm
- Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 1pm
- Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 1pm
- Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 1pm

15. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

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