

SAFEGUARDING MANAGER'S REPORT FOR PSAB 4TH JULY 2014



I CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Last update to SAB in January 2014. The Corporate Safeguarding Improvement Plan is a live document that changes over time with new actions and priorities with the aim to moving everything to a green rating. This is a quality assurance process, and the plan is monitored at high level quarterly meetings between the leader of the council, cabinet portfolio holders, SAB Independent Chair, PCC Chief Executive and the relevant Assistant Directors.

Examples of activities within the plan

In Adult Social Care:

- DASH training
- Adult safeguarding conference

For SAB:

- Review Terms of Reference and membership of the Safeguarding Adults Board, in line with the Care Act
- Ensure that Partnership agreement is revised and signed by statutory partners and wider SAB partners

2 DEVON PARTNERSHIP AUDIT INTERIM UPDATE

The start of the PSAB audit was delayed by DPA, and it commenced in May. The auditor has met with all requisite contributors and we received a brief overview of the recommendations this week. The full draft audit is expected next week and the detailed report and action plan will be presented at the October board meeting. Audit results can be

1. High Standard
2. Good standard
3. Improvements Required
4. Fundamental Weaknesses

We will receive Improvements Required, but the auditor stressed that the Board is aware of most of the points raised. Areas for improvement will include:

- Governance
- Partnership agreement
- Funding arrangements
- Budget management
- Annual report
- Risk register
- Business plan
- Asset register
- Co-operation with PSCB on arrangements to manage the Boards
- Induction for new board members
- SAR: validation of information and sample checking of source data

3 PSAB INDEPENDENT CHAIR RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Closing date for applications was 30.5.14, we had 10 applicants in total, and shortlisting was completed last week. Interviews are planned for 21st July, and the process will include clarification of candidates' interest in a joint Board appointment, and input from a children's panel and our adult user group.

4 PAUSE UPDATE

We have now established links with Plymouth Adult User Safeguarding Executive (PAUSE), and meet with them for input into SAB prior to each board meeting. They have met with the Independent Chair and agreed to work with us to develop a wider user forum which could act as a sub group of the Board. There is a dedicated Highbury Trust staff member acting as facilitator and we have received their first report. Full details are contained in the copy of their minutes, included in the pack.

5 ASC SAFEGUARDING PATHWAY UPDATE

Last update to SAB in January 2014. The dedicated pathway, launched in November 2013, is operating well, but facing pressures from:

- volume of alerts
- increased demands on staff, some of whom are also BIAs and responding to increase in DoLS applications
- some multi-agency issues; strategies being developed include co-location being explored in light of the integration agenda