

MODERN SLAVERY

1) Devon Modern Slavery Event 25 September:

PCC co-hosted the event with D&C Police, Devon & Torbay Councils, and representation for the faith community. There were excellent speakers from Unseen, a charity working directly with exploited people and part of the Anti-Slavery Partnership, the Gangmasters Licensing Authority, the Association of Labour Providers, and the lead for D&C Police. It was well received by between 300-400 delegates, and presentations will be available for distribution; if PSAB members require copies, please email me direct.

2) Devon & Cornwall Police Peninsula Overview of Modern Slavery:

The original D&C Police presentation gives a comprehensive overview of the issue. Following contribution from local authorities and a number of partnership agencies, the Plymouth Local Profile is nearing completion and will be available for circulation before the January Board meeting for discussion at the meeting as required.

3) Home Office SW regional pilot in response to their review of the National Referral Mechanism:

The local training for the Safeguarding Slavery Leads (SSLs), or agency referral points of contact, is taking place at the end of October, the multi-agency decision making panel reps have now been trained and are undertaking final checks and agreements of data sharing etc. The first panel is due to take place shortly to consider modern slavery cases from the pilot areas. There are likely to be panels held every two weeks or so, to discuss approximately 12 referrals from across the pilot areas. We are awaiting full details of next steps from the Home Office in order that the pilot work can begin in full.

4) Anti-Slavery Partnership (ASP):

Further links were made at the Devon event to look at replicating the partnership arrangements achieved in the Avon & Somerset police force area. Local meetings are in planning, with a view to establishing:

- Forums and training for NGOs, community and faith groups, frontline health and social care workers to enable staff to spot the signs of modern slavery and know where to go for help
- Problem Profile Groups targeting specific sectors
- A Champions network of individuals from a range of sectors who are points of contact for their organisation and who receive training and support direct from ASP.

ADASS SW REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING LEADS GROUP:

- 1) As previously reported, the group had proposed a regional conference in Exeter in November but due to various clashes this is now proposed for March 2016. The focus will be 'developing effective and efficient multi-agency responses to self neglect', and it will aim 'to provide members of SABs and safeguarding leads an opportunity to explore in depth a key issue facing SABs in implementing the Care Act, to promote inter-Board learning, and to initiate development of common protocols if needed across SAB partnership areas.' There will be six places per SAB available, and while we will be emailing for expressions of interest nearer the time, it would be useful for PSAB members to consider this in advance.
- 2) Following regular discussion regarding shared issues across the local authorities and SABs, the ADASS/LGA Adult Safeguarding Policy Network (ASPN) is taking a number of them forward:

- Quality and safeguarding:
 - To identify the key factors (and their interdependencies) that impact on quality and safeguarding
 - To ensure priorities have clear synergies with existing work streams ie commissioning, personalisation and Care Act
 - Making Safeguarding Personal:
 - Respond to RiPFA's recommendations from evaluation of MSP 2014/15
 - Repackage MSP for partner agencies and support adoption of the principles
 - Publicise examples of good practice in specific areas of work (or develop them where there are gaps)
 - Promote MSP at conferences, webinars etc
 - Care Act implementation:
 - Ensuring DASSs know what they must do and can be compliant with new and revised duties
 - Help outlying councils become Care Act compliant
 - Work with DoH on revision of statutory guidance – including clarification of DASM role
 - Work with NHS and Police to coordinate approaches
 - Work with the SAB Chairs Network to ensure Boards are up to date
- 3) The group has shared experience of challenges relating to referrers' interpretation of 'vulnerability' and the consequent safeguarding concerns raised. In one example, it has been agreed for a task & finish group to meet with reps from the ambulance service to discuss the best way to facilitate joint working.
- 4) It has been agreed that, with the sanction of the relevant SAB Chair, there would be much to be learnt from each other's Safeguarding Adults Reviews, and that in future, when a SAR was published the group would share the learning points.

LINKS WITH ADVICE PLYMOUTH

We are establishing links with the public advice agencies in the city in an effort to ensure that all are aware of the available safeguarding training and changes following the implementation of the Care Act and recent local processes. We are presenting to the Senior Connections group and Plymouth Guild's CEO group to similarly raise awareness and to aid discussions of any issues from their provider agencies' perspective. Plymouth Guild have raised a question regarding providers' role on the Board which it would be useful for us to discuss.

LINKS BETWEEN CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & SAFEGUARDING

In August a successful pilot of four 90 minute sessions was delivered by one of our safeguarding trainers to 60 taxi drivers and operators. The course content covered CSE and child and adult safeguarding in an interactive workshop style.

Plans are now being made to roll out the training to all drivers and companies in Plymouth. Over the next 18 months or so a further 1200+ people will be invited to attend the sessions funded by the Taxi Licensing Committee using appropriate centrally located venues. There are current discussions with the Taxi Licensing Committee with a view to make this session mandatory by March 2016, and they are working with us to design a credit card size safeguarding information card for drivers with key messages and Council contact numbers to raise child/adult safeguarding concerns. It has been suggested that SCB and SAB can request updates from the Taxi Licensing Committee on a yearly basis as part of the assurance process.