

SAFEGUARDING MANAGER'S REPORT

Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Board November 2016



PSAB EXECUTIVE GROUP HIGHLIGHTS:

The group last met 16 September, and the agenda included:

SCR/SARs update

SCR 'V'

Regarding the family's queries raised following their meeting with the Author, Catherine Cotter:

- The police have reviewed the pertinent information and have drafted a response to the SAB Independent Chair; authorisation to share this information has been received.
- An initial response to queries related to SWAST has been received; however a final version is awaited.
- The author has incorporated other queries under the 'voice of the family' section in the report.
- The additional responses from Devon & Cornwall Police and SWAST will not form part of the SCR report but proposed to accompany the report for completeness.

The author has finalised the report, however it remains in draft until confirmation of the recommendations is agreed by the SAB Executive. Work on the report recommendations is being led by the SAR Sub-group. A further report draft is to be circulated to lead officers involved prior to Board.

The following timeline of the SCR report and milestones leading up to publication is proposed:

1. Circulate draft SCR report and recommendations to SAB members 14th November 2016
2. Present final draft report to Board Executive 15th December 2016.
3. Pre-publication preparation
 - Comments/amendments from Board members
 - Further legal scrutiny/review initial impact assessment
 - Media/Comms statements prepared/reviewed
 - Update the family/solicitor
4. Proposed final sign off at SAB (2nd February 2017)
5. Share report with family/solicitor (February 2017)
6. Nominated Officers to meet with Family to receive feedback prior to sharing more widely (February 2017)
7. Share/publish report (March 2017)
8. SAR Sub-group monitor progress of recommendations and report to SAB quarterly

SAR 'RM'

SAR progress update, September to date 2016

- Kate Spreadbury - Lead Reviewer engaged and SAR preparation completed.
- Lead Reviewer met with family, SAR information shared and proposed Terms of Reference discussed.
- SAR Sub-group in conjunction with the lead reviewer and family drafted Terms of Reference, agreed with SAB Executive.
- The SAR Sub-group meetings* will manage the SAR process and attendance from identified agencies/report writers or representatives will be required.

- Letter sent to the identified agencies/agency report writers or representatives (see below) inviting to SAR briefing on the 17th November 2016 to meet Lead Reviewer, set out requirements, support available and proposed timeline/milestones.
- Proposed timeline/milestones
 - Agency Briefing 17.11.2016
 - Agency reports submitted 13.01.2017
 - SAR Sub-group meeting 25.01.2017*
 - Agency 'Conversations' (TBC February 2017)
 - SAR Sub-group meeting 01.03.2017*
 - Learning Event (TBC March 2017)
 - SAR Sub-group meeting 04.04.2017*
 - Lead Reviewer draft SAR report of learning (April 2017)
 - Present draft to SAB Executive/SAB 27.04.2017
 - Publish report of learning (TBC May 2017)
- Identified Agencies
 - Devon & Cornwall Police
 - Plymouth City Council
 - Livewell Southwest
 - South Western Ambulance Services Trust (SWAST)
 - Ocean Medical Centre (GP)
 - Plymouth Community Homes

Risk management/Self Neglect sub group update

Update: The three sessions to pilot the Creative Solutions Forum have been completed. The evaluation has informed the planning of future sessions and advice to referring agencies. Commissioners attendance has been helpful with looking at providing services/using contracts in a different way.

- RM&SN Policy drafted and shared with LOG members (October 2016)
- Final draft policy circulated to SAB Policy & LOG Sub-group 18.11.2016
- Proposed policy launch includes:
 - PCC/SAB webpages updated
 - Briefing note/letter to SAB partner agencies, appropriate service user and community reference groups
 - Agency and organisation presentation to cascade
 - Comms briefing, social media etc.
- Policy launch process to be agreed at P&LOG 30.11.2016
- Review policy effectiveness and feedback via P&LOG, quarterly in year one

Strategic Plan 2016 -17

It was agreed that the plan would cover priorities for a three year period, and will be reviewed and reported annually. It will be a 'live' plan to be updated as the priorities evolve. We will produce a business card size aide memoir for Board members detailing the SAB priorities.

Proposed budget

Discussion regarding funding for SARs, the likely costs for the current SAR and funding for any additional SARs. Agreement for budget monitoring to be reported at each Executive Group meeting and twice yearly to SAB

Future Executive Group agendas:

Updates from the Sub Groups
Review and tracking of the Strategic Plan
Performance and the risk areas
Budget
Nation and Regional Updates

PSAB ANNUAL REPORT

The report has been circulated, as required in the Care Act, to the Chief Executive of PCC, the Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board, the Police & Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable, and the Chair of Healthwatch Plymouth. In addition all PSAB members' senior officers have received a copy.

SAFEGUARDING ISSUES FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES (ASR)

Following this being raised through the national SAB Independent Chair's Network, PCC Social Inclusion Unit was requested to produce an overview of related risks and issues as known. We have contacted the major ASR support agencies and some have come forward for safeguarding training. PSAB Chair will contact the CEOs of the various agencies to further discussion

MODERN SLAVERY:

- The Home Office has completed its interim review of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) pilot and it has now been extended to March 2017.
- Following the third trial, the Operation Triage case has finally resulted in five members of a family of Czech origin being found guilty of conspiracy to traffic people for the purpose of exploitation, and sentenced to a total of 20 years and 6 months in jail.

This operation involved a wide range of partners as well as PCC staff (including housing, social care and the crime and anti-social behaviour team), who were involved in intelligence gathering and supporting victims following the police raid back in September 2014, which resulted in seven male victims being freed from modern slavery conditions. Other partners included the British Red Cross, Salvation Army, Racial Equality Council, DWP, Gangmasters' Licensing Authority, and health colleagues.

- In September there was a further multi-agency operation targeting two addresses and an employer in the city, which has so far resulted in four foreign nationals being referred into the National Referral Mechanism.
- Unseen, the leading modern slavery charity has and recently announced the launch of the UK Modern Slavery Helpline and Resource Centre, designed to provide victims, the public, statutory agencies and businesses access to information and support on a 24/7 basis.
- The Devon & Cornwall Anti-Slavery Partnership has commissioned training from Unseen, and the Plymouth session is booked for 12th December. It aims to train 25 individuals from a wide variety of organisations who are in a position to encounter victims of human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery.

ADASS SW SAFEGUARDING LEADS GROUP

In the process of commissioning a thematic review of regional SCR/SARs by a leading academic team in the field. Plans are to present it at a conference next year, and to inform and extend learning across the region.

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS ANNUAL REPORT, ENGLAND 2015-16

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/557866/SAC_1516_report.pdf

This is the first reporting year since safeguarding adults became a statutory duty for councils on 1 April 2015. This report provides the key findings from the Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC) data collection for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. It presents information about adults at risk for whom safeguarding concerns or enquiries were opened during the reporting period. It also contains case details for safeguarding enquiries which concluded during the reporting period.