

SAFEGUARDING MANAGER'S REPORT

Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Board February 2017



I. PSAB EXECUTIVE GROUP HIGHLIGHTS:

The group last met 15 December, and the agenda included:

Sub Group Updates:

LOG:

- Learning & Development strategy: PSAB agenda item
- Risk Management and Self Neglect group: PSAB agenda item

SAR: two case reviews continue. PSAB agenda items

Engagement and Participation strategy: Work by Healthwatch has begun and there will be regular updates provided to the Executive group, with the first formal update to PSAB in April.

SAB Communication Plan: Discussion around the need for support to deliver plan due to PCC Communication Officer on maternity leave from February. Request to go out to agencies for support from their communications teams. *Update: we have received nominations from Livewell, PHNT, CCG and police and work has begun to establish a virtual group to take this work forward with PCC comms*

Quality Assurance and Performance: Geoff Baines is leading on this work and has met with Rob Sowden regarding available data. A first cut will be available at the end of January 17, and an update provided for PSAB in February.

SAB Strategic Plan 2016 -19 tracking

- Risk Management and Self Neglect:
 - Creative Solutions Forum continues successfully
 - Policy sub group work concluded
 - Policy for sign off at February SAB
 - Circulation strategy in planning
- Mental Health: On track to receive regular assurance and updates from CCG
- Engagement and Participation: Healthwatch contract agreed and work to begin early December. First report to PSAB due April 2017
- Quality assurance: PSAB agenda item
- Learning and Development Strategy: PSAB agenda item
- SAB management arrangements
 - Links being explored to HWB and Safer Plymouth
 - Comms strategy under development
 - Member appraisal tool for PSAB & PSCB in discussion

Budget update

- Discussion took place regarding the training budget and whether things could be done differently. To look at how other Boards provide and fund training. Request made for a breakdown of the £33,000 spend for training.
- Agreed budget updates to be provided to each Executive meeting and twice yearly, in April and November, to SAB.

National/regional updates: Update received on development of the Regional SAB Independent Chair's network

Regional Thematic Review of SCR/SARS

ADDAS have provisionally commissioned Michael Preston-Shoot to complete this piece of work through the Regional Safeguarding Leads Group. ADDAS has provided some funding but there may be a short fall which would be £300 -£400 per Board. PSAB has fed back on the proposed ToR for the review and willingness to consider contributing to a funding shortfall. Discussions continue.

Development Day

We need feedback on the development day in November 16, and to look at a date and venue for a Development Day November 17.

2. MODERN SLAVERY AGENDA:

Home Office National Referral Mechanism Review Pilot:

PCC have been thanked by the Home Office for engagement with the SW Region pilot, which is due to end 31.3.17. From 01.01.17, the pilot stopped taking new cases, to allow the case management unit and the multi-disciplinary panels to work through the existing case load before the pilot concludes.

Following conclusion at the end of March, the evaluation will be completed and learning from this will inform evidence presented to Ministers. Once Ministers have made a decision on the future of the NRM, the Home Office will complete the work on the Statutory Guidance.

Anti-Slavery Partnerships (ASPs):

For the regional group, regular meetings and profiling continue, and multi-agency training and public awareness raising events are in planning.

The Plymouth Modern Slavery Profiling Group has expanded to now include: the Police, CSP, Adult & Children's safeguarding, Fire Service, Border Agency, Immigration, Housing, Trading Standards, Environmental Health, local authority licensing, emergency planning.

A decision has been taken recently by the Safer Plymouth strategic partnership for it to be incorporated as a sub-group, ensuring a strategic multi-agency buy-in to the agenda. The group has a revised Terms of Reference, and its current aims, to support the work of the regional group, include:

- Undertaking a more detailed geographic mapping of the city in terms of residential and commercial premises that are known, suspected, or have the potential to be at risk from

Modern Slavery. This will include police and partner information and used as a basis for driving future site visits and preventative or intelligence activity.

- Mapping the local city stakeholders who are able to support future prevention or enforcement activity.
- Developing guidance / checklist for staff across all partner agencies to assist in identifying cases of Modern Slavery
- Developing local guidance for incident managers to ensure suspected slavery exploitation cases are properly escalated through the partnership to ensure the best outcome for victims.
- Developing a working information protocol to assist in reducing unnecessary bureaucracy.
- Considering any awareness and training issues across the city

On 12 December, PCC hosted training by the leading charity Unseen to 25 delegates from a variety of agencies. These included safeguarding partners, PCC Night Time Economy and CCTV centre staff, representatives from housing agencies, letting agencies and private landlords association, VCS support and advice agencies, harbour, ferry company and coach station staff, and street pastors.

A larger half day event on 14 March is now in planning to raise awareness further; speakers to include police leads, National Crime Agency and Unseen. Please send expressions of interest in places, or any contacts in other sectors or agencies to mel.hayward@plymouth.gcsx.gov.uk

Anti-Slavery Commissioner's engagement with local authorities:

In November we were contacted by the Commissioner to request internal awareness raising of the resources available on their website: <http://www.antislaverycommissioner.co.uk/>, including legislation, training materials, guidance and information on our duty to notify under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. They have developed a short video for local authority staff, informing on indicators of modern slavery, signs to look out for and the correct course of action. In response, we have worked with our HR & OD colleagues to include the information in new starters' induction and with Corporate Communications colleagues to plan circulation across the Council, including 'harder to reach' staff.

Human Trafficking guidance for the hotel industry:

COMBAT, a co-operative research group led by Oxford Brookes University and funded with support from the European Commission, has produced a guide 'Trafficking in Human Beings in the Hotel Industry'. With our Trading Standards & Health Improvement team colleagues we have arranged for this to be circulated by email all the hotels, guest houses and B&B's on our database, and to the Chamber of Commerce.

National Crime Agency (NCA) - County Lines, Gangs, and Safeguarding

This intelligence assessment is a current focus of the Home Office, as a strand of the cross-government Ending Gang Violence and Exploitation strategy. 'County Lines' is the growing practice of gangs to exploit vulnerable children and adults at risk of abuse (including those with mental illness or learning disabilities) in order to facilitate the running of street level drug dealing and to spread their networks out across the country from London and other large conurbations. Whilst much of the activity will concern policing, the action plan will also address what needs to be done to raise awareness and develop resilience across key sectors – which include the Health sector including

mental health services, adult safeguarding, emergency departments and sexual health clinics. The NCA has issued its second assessment of County Lines, published on 17 November:

<http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/publications/753-county-lines-gang-violence-exploitation-and-drug-supply-2016/file>. In line with their request we are in the process of disseminating the information as widely as possible through our networks.