

SAFEGUARDING MANAGER'S REPORT

Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Board April 2017



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| <p>I PSAB Executive Group highlights:</p> | <p>The group last met 07 March, and areas for discussion included:</p> <p><u>Sub Group Updates:</u></p> <p>SAR: There are 2 new referrals; further information is being sought for both. Two case reviews continue. PSAB agenda items</p> <p>LOG: Issues discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concern regarding recent attendance; LOG circulation list has been widened, expressions of interest received and new members attending. - multi-agency circulation and awareness raising of the risk management and self-neglect guidance, and the suggestion of a SAB lead/champion. - further work required on the Learning and Development Framework, in view of likely publication of the NHS England Intercollegiate Document which is currently being reviewed and approved. <p>Engagement and Participation strategy: PSAB agenda item</p> <p>SAB Communication Plan: we have received nominations from Livewell Southwest, PHNT, CCG and police, and work has begun with PCC Comms team to establish a virtual group to take this work forward. There may be shared areas of work with PSCB.</p> <p>Quality Assurance and Performance: PSAB agenda item</p> <p><u>SAB Strategic Plan 2016 -19 tracking:</u> PSAB agenda item</p> <p><u>Budget update:</u> PSAB agenda item</p> <p><u>National/regional updates:</u> Update received on development of the Peninsula SAB Independent Chair's network. The first meeting is planned for 25 April 17 in Plymouth.</p> <p><u>Regional Thematic Review of SCR/SARS:</u> ADASS have provisionally commissioned Michael Preston-Shoot to complete this piece of work through the Regional Safeguarding Leads Group. ADDAS has provided some of the funding and the remainder has been proposed as a shared cost amongst the relevant SABs. Plymouth has fed back on the proposed ToR for the review and agreed a share of the funding.</p> <p><u>Inspection reports/audits:</u> agreed it would be useful to have information on any issues of interest to SAB from recent reports, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HMIC Crime Data Integrity Audit: https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/publications/devon-and-cornwall-crime-data-integrity-inspection-2016/ ; PSAB agenda item - CQC inspections of Livewell SW, SWAST and PHNT: the CCG will be reporting on relevant issues to the next Exec Group meeting 09 June <p><u>Development Day:</u> Acknowledgment of the need for feedback on the development day held November 16. Provisional date for the 2017 day planned for 03 November.</p> |
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| 2 | PSAB web pages review | We have established options with the PCC web team and are in the process of revising and redesigning the PSAB web pages. The amended version will be aimed at raising awareness of the board and its work, providing links to reports and information on associated issues, and reflecting the board priorities. |
| 3 | Plymouth Multi-Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures | <p>The annual review of the online manual has been completed, and the latest version is expected to be live by mid May.</p> <p>In addition we are developing a protocol for PSAB members to co-ordinate responses to allegations or concerns about people in a position of trust (PiPoT) . Following revision by the Dept. of Health of the Care Act guidance, and the removal of the requirement for agencies to have a Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager (DASM), DoH has clarified the responsibilities of the SAB to “establish and agree a framework and process for any organisation to respond to allegations against anyone who works, (in either a paid or an unpaid capacity,) with adults with care and support needs.” We have an established local process and little will change in practice, but partner agencies and their commissioned services will need to formally agree “clear recording and information-sharing guidance and the setting of explicit timescales for actions”.</p> |
| 4 | Modern Slavery agenda | <p>Across the safeguarding network, local and regional partnership work and regular multi-agency meetings continue.</p> <p>A well-received half day conference, organised by PCC Community Connections staff and the local Anti-Slavery Partnership colleagues, was delivered on 14 March 17. It was aimed at agencies and staff who may come across potential victims or perpetrators in their line of work, and identified the signs and related processes required to notify the relevant authorities. Over 200 representatives from a variety of agencies and sectors attended, including port and transport staff, hotel and guest house owners, letting agents and advice agencies.</p> |
| 5 | National Crime Agency (NCA) ‘County Lines: Gangs and Safeguarding’ agenda. | <p>Following the launch in 2016 of the cross-government Ending Gang Violence and Exploitation strategy, a multi-agency group is scoping the local issues and developing guidance and plans to raise awareness of ‘County Lines’. Meetings are arranged to discuss individuals who are vulnerable to being ‘cuckooed’, review risk assessments and decide on appropriate actions, along with future planning for the group’s focus.</p> <p>Devon & Cornwall police are increasingly aware of an associated changing picture in relation to the supply of and demand for drugs, and the consequent impact on community health and wellbeing. They have recently launched Operation Moonstone as part of their response and we are circulating their request throughout the safeguarding network.</p> <p>The request is for agencies to take a broader view of the drugs information they hold to help police identify hidden harm, with a focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any increase in signs of violence/information that weapons are being carried • safeguarding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is the individual in question being exploited by a drugs gang under the ‘County Lines’ modus operandi? - Child Sexual Exploitation: is a youth being provided with drugs |

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| | | <p>in exchange for sex?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modern Slavery: is there coercion and/or labour exploitation involved in the production and supply of drugs? - Domestic Abuse: is there coercion and/or control at the centre of an individual's involvement? <p>This will hopefully lead to better understanding regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the level and nature of drugs activity • types of change in the drugs market and related effects • key locations • vulnerable victims and/or suspects where the threat, risk and harm is high |
| 6 | Financial Fraud Action UK (FFA UK) training for financial agencies | <p>FFA UK is the name under which the financial services industry co-ordinates its activity on fraud prevention, representing a united front against financial fraud and its effects. We are developing links between their initiatives, the activities of PCC Trading Standards and enforcement teams and safeguarding.</p> <p>Under the latest initiative, known as the Banking Protocol, there is a plan is to train every front-facing employee of banks, building societies and Post Offices to spot signs that a customer may be withdrawing cash under duress or to give to a fraudster. Aims include that the scheme will help to reduce financial crime by spotting scams before money has been handed over. Cash payments to fraudsters are typically much harder to trace than online payments with the vast majority of cases going unsolved; typical frauds of this kind include rogue builders, romance scams and elderly abuse.</p> |