

Newsletter

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Key messages from the LSCB

NORTH SOMERSET CHILDREN SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP:

The new safeguarding arrangements have been published on the North Somerset Safeguarding website and will come into effect from the end of September 2019.

[Link to this report.](#)

The LSCB met on 10th June 2019.

The [minutes](#) are available to download from the North Somerset Safeguarding website.

To note:

- **One Front Door (1FD) update** was given by Helen Caldwell. North Somerset is one of seven sites piloting 1FD which focuses on domestic abuse referrals. A multi-agency team contributes to the process, RAG rating the cases, with high risk cases progressing to a multi-agency meeting in the afternoon. Over the nine months since the pilot has been running, there have been 275 referrals to 1FD – this relates to 864 individuals as 1FD looks at all family members connected to the victim to build up a complete picture. Helen was pleased to let the Board know that the North Somerset model, which evolved from the charity [Safelives](#), is the closest to their vision.

- **Children not in Education.** Following an audit carried out by the Quality and Performance sub-group, Wendy Packer, Vulnerable Learners Service Lead and Virtual School Headteacher attended Board to explain how the local authority is in the process of working with schools to minimise the number of young people who could be classified as Children Missing from Education (CME). She explained that all children are entitled to 25hrs of education a week and that the multi-agency **Inclusion Panel** ensures that young people receive the right amount of provision as well as supporting each other through offering advice and guidance. The **Voyage Learning Campus** (Pupil Referral Unit) offers young people who have been excluded from mainstream education more than twice, one to one support which includes reengagement and mentoring.
- This year's **£175 Audit for schools** has been circulated by our new Safeguarding in Education Lead, Joanne Bocko. This has gone out to school designated safeguarding leads for completion.
- The **final LSCB** will be held on 9th September 2019.

AUDITS: A multi-agency audit was completed by the Quality and Performance sub-group. This was in relation to children in North Somerset who are not in school (also see article on the previous page). Partner agencies who contributed included: Police, NSCP, Education Inclusion Service, and Children's Services. The audit gave a one-off snap-shot of the data providing a baseline for further audit work with the recommendation that the Vulnerable Learning services will carry out a further focused audit to explore:

- i) the number of children and young people who are defined as 'vulnerable' and are excluded;
- ii) what is leading to the exclusions;
- iii) what support both in school, and from other agencies, is most helpful to the children involved and to the schools seeking to meet the child's needs;
- iv) whether during the period of exclusion, the risks to the affected children change.

Further Recommendations include:

- Agencies to review their responsiveness to children at 'risk of exclusion'; to ensure early intervention and support is prioritised to avoid exclusion.
- To carry out a focussed audit on school exclusions during a specified period. The audit programme to include asking schools to contribute where they have a pupil on their roll who is excluded.
- To contact some of the children/families for their views and experiences.
- To carry out a review in respect of the children who are electively home educated, to understand underlying reasons. Further, to clarify that it has been established that each child is receiving a suitable education.
- To remind all agencies that where any agency in contact with children and families believes that a child is not on the roll of a school or receiving education otherwise, then this information should be passed to the Education Inclusion Service. Further, if they have concerns about the welfare of the child they should refer to Children's Services.

SCR and Learning reviews:

A briefing about children at risk as a result of parental "Toxic Trio" has been circulated to partner agencies for discussion and reflection within teams: [Child C & D](#)

The NSPCC Library hosts the National collection of case reviews. [National Case Review repository](#) The following link is an update highlighting case reviews added to the collection and features Learning from case reviews briefings. Case Review Update for June 2019: [Case Review Update](#)

Key messages from the LSAB

The LSAB met on 11th June 2019.

The [minutes](#) are available to download from the North Somerset Safeguarding website.

To note:

- **Sue Burn from CQC presented to the Board an overview of the local CQC structure and its methodology.** The [presentation](#) is available to download.
- **Rachel Austin introduced Second Step, a North Somerset Wellbeing Service** delivering a recovery-based service for people with mental health conditions. Her [presentation](#) is available to download. She also asked for the [leaflet](#) and [referral](#) form to be widely circulated amongst professionals and front line workers.
- **An update on the new Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) replacement, 'Liberty Protection Safeguards' (LPS) was given by Dameon Caddy.** It is expected LPS will go live between Spring and Autumn 2020 with both 'Safeguards' running in tandem for a maximum of one year. Dameon's [presentation](#) is available to download.
- Hayley Verrico, Assistant Director, Adults Support and Safeguarding informed the Board of the ongoing work to improve North Somerset's response to timely and thorough **reviews** for service users, with those placed **out of county** being prioritised.
- The Board agreed to the proposed **reformatting of the LSAB Executive to the Safeguarding Co-Chairs sub-group meeting.** Co-Chairs, of sub-groups only, will meet for a more business-focused meeting. Tony Oliver, Independent Chair will chair this meeting and report to the Board. The remodelled [structure chart](#) has been uploaded onto the North Somerset Safeguarding website.

- **Stop Adult Abuse Week** took place in June and focused on the Mental Capacity Act. Each south west region local authority area took on a particular topic or task. The following two leaflets: [Mental Capacity and Domestic Violence and Abuse](#) and [Making Safeguarding Personal](#) are available to download from the North Somerset Safeguarding website. Also available are myth-busting posters around MCA. Link: [Mental Capacity Act](#)
- The Communications Sub-Group has produced a "[contact Care Connect](#)" poster and an information [leaflet](#) on safeguarding which can be displayed in your work place. These can be downloaded from the North Somerset Safeguarding website.

Date for your diary: Friday, 8th November 2019

Provider Event

At the Campus, 09:00 until 15:00

The draft agenda for the day currently includes:

- Key note speech from CQC
- Managing incidents between adults with care and support needs
- Pressure wounds
- Mental capacity & LPS
- Substance misuse and safeguarding
- Managing acute behavioural changes in care homes
- Making safeguarding personal – Good practice examples

Booking details will be published shortly

The Quality and Performance sub-group presented the Think Family audit recommendations to the Board's Executive in May this is available to download from the North Somerset Safeguarding website.

Think Family

The following protocol was signed off at the LSAB and has been uploaded onto the North Somerset Safeguarding website: **Information Sharing Protocol**

The Safeguarding Adult Multi-Agency Policy has also been updated and uploaded **Safeguarding Adults Multi-Agency Policy**



INFORMATION, GUIDANCE AND WEBSITE

The **BNSSG CCG Safeguarding Annual Report 2017-2018** has been uploaded onto the North Somerset Joint Safeguarding Boards website.

Please note the following link to trixonline policy briefings: **<http://www.trixonline.co.uk/policy-briefings-archive/>** This will provide those working with children and adults at risk up to date guidance and information. The latest briefings are available to download: **May** and **June**

Don't forget to log on to the latest **South West Child Protection Procedures** for our region.

Also, don't forget to use the North Somerset Safeguarding Boards website (**www.northsomersetsafeguarding.co.uk**). If you need to add anything or notice that anything needs to be amended please contact Lucy Teteris, Boards Co-ordinator (lucy.teteris@n-somerset.gov.uk).



The next newsletter will be circulated in October 2019.

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