

Newsletter

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Key messages from the LSCB

The final meeting of the LSCB was held on 9 September 2019.

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

To note:

- **Dameon Caddy, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Mental Capacity Act Manager, North Somerset Council**, attended Board to update on the new Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) as the legislation now includes 16 to 18-year olds. Dameon's [presentation](#) is available to download from the North Somerset Safeguarding website.
- The [North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board 2018/19 Annual Report](#) was signed off by the Board. This has now been published on the North Somerset Safeguarding website. The annual report also includes the completed Business Plan and this is appendix C of the report.
- Both outstanding SCR action plans were signed off by the Board as completed.
- **Liz Spencer, Deputy Chair** and **Sheila Smith, Director, People and Communities, North Somerset Council** thanked **Tony Oliver** for his commitment to the Board over his nine plus years as Independent Chair.

SCR and Learning reviews:

The NSPCC Library hosts the National collection of case reviews. [National Case Review repository](#) This is the link to [Case Reviews Update](#) for September 2019.

The [Designated Officer for Allegations \(DOfA\)](#) annual report has been published. Key messages from the report include:

- Ofsted say; "the DOfA service is managed in a timely and effective way";
- Of the 54 referrals in this reporting year the average days a case was open was 24 days, (inclusive of weekends and Bank Holidays);
- Signs of Safety has been introduced in the DOfA Allegation Meeting process and appears to be a successful addition;
- Evaluation forms are circulated for attendees at the Allegation Meeting
- DOfA leaflets are distributed to children, parents/carers and the alleged perpetrator
- Peer audits are undertaken annually by the Bristol DOfA

NORTH SOMERSET CHILDREN SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP:

A workshop to drive forward the new arrangements has been arranged in early November. Details from this workshop will be shared in the next newsletter (January 2020).

The new safeguarding arrangements submitted to the DfE are available on the North Somerset Safeguarding website: [Link to this report.](#)

Key messages from the LSAB

The LSAB met on 10 September 2019.

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

To note:

- **Lynn Trigg, Homeless Prevention Manager, NSC** gave a presentation updating the Board on [Duty to Refer - Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 one year on](#). This is available to download from the North Somerset Safeguarding website.
- **Helen Caldwell, Strategy and Development Officer, NSC** presented the [Sexual Abuse and Violence Strategy](#) for the Board's sign-off. This has been uploaded onto the North Somerset Safeguarding website.
- The Board gave its approval to the name change of the MCA/DoLS sub-group to incorporate LPS (Liberty Protection Safeguards) (MDCA/DoLS/LPS). Dameon Caddy, Manager, reminded the Board that DoLS will run in parallel with LPS for up to 12 months.
- Jess Aston from Avon and Somerset Police will be taking over the Co-Chairing of the Tackling Exploitation and Missing sub-group from Helen Heskins, Principal Officer, Trading Standards.
- S.42 Enquiries: James Wright updated the Board on clarification from LGA and ADASS on referring concerns as being at a S.42 (1) stage and enquiries as being S.42 (2). This will have an impact on statistics. Qualitative and quantitative analysis on referrals will take place through the Q&P sub-group.
- The following policy and framework were signed off at the and are now published on the North Somerset Safeguarding website:
[Medication Error Protocol](#)
[Hoarding Framework](#)

The NSSAB SAR panel was convened on 30 September to review three cases.

One of the cases, although not meeting the criteria for a SAR, highlighted the national concern around lack of assistance for military personnel when being discharged due to PTSD or other disabilities. Our Independent Chair has been tasked with writing to the Minister for Military Personnel and Veterans on behalf of both North Somerset and South Gloucester LSABs to find out what support is in place for veterans.

Further information has been requested by panel members on the other two cases and the panel will be reconvened in November.

BNSSG is holding a Pressure Injury Conference on Worldwide Stop the Pressure Day, Thursday 21 November 2019

Download the poster for full details: [Pressure Injury Conference](#)

World Mental Health Day was on Thursday 10 October 2019. The theme focussed on suicide and suicide prevention.

A local initiative, Clevedon's Talking Point, by local group *We are Aware* was unveiled on 10 October: a public seating area in the shape of a semi colon (the symbol for hope; of overcoming adversity; survival and finding the strength to go on). The aim is to provide a talking point for complete strangers to strike up a conversation. Information within the seat will include crisis numbers, conversational points of interest and future local mental health events and support.

For further information download the article [Clevedon's talking point](#)

Free Mental Health Training courses for people working in North Somerset.

While one in four people will experience mental health problems, virtually everyone is likely to have worried about the mental health of a friend, family member, colleague or service user at some point.

At times it can seem hard to know how to talk to people; worry about making the situation worse sometimes stops us from getting involved. North Somerset Public Health team recognises this and is investing in training courses that help you improve your confidence giving you the skills you need to tackle these concerns head on.



is a three-stage mental health and wellbeing training course. It is designed to increase your confidence and skills so that you can talk openly to people about their mental health.



Sadly, male suicide rates remain high. There is a growing evidence-base and understanding about how services can and Public Health has commissioned Mengage to run a one-off training course to help us tackle this locally.



teaches people to recognise when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety.

All the courses are free to anyone who works or volunteers in North Somerset.

New ASIST and Connect 5 session 1 courses have just been released. [Book your place or find out more click here](#)

Wellbeing for sport coaches training

A three-hour workshop designed for coaches, sport administrators, and frontline staff/volunteers takes place on Monday 11 November from 6pm (arrive at 5.45pm to register) at Castlewood, Tickenham Road, Clevedon BS221 6FW. The course aims to help:

- Understand common misconceptions about mental health
- Identify the positive impact that physical activity can have on mental health
- Appreciate the barriers that stop people with mental health imbalances in becoming active
- Identify practical actions for making your service more inclusive and accessible for everyone.

To book or for more information contact: [Catherine Devonshire](#), Physical Activity Development Officer, 01275 882 732

The LSAB is delighted to present “**Sharing Good Practice in Safeguarding Adults Conference**”. The event will be held at **The Campus on Friday 8 November from 09:00 until 16:00** and is open to senior staff in health, social care, housing, housing support and voluntary service providers.

Cost: £30 per person for the day. This includes tea, coffee and snacks but not lunch.

For further information and bookings please visit <https://assh.n-somersetcpd.org.uk/cpd/>

There is an option to register as a new user and there is a user guide available on the site. For queries or technical assistance with CPD Online contact APRequests@n-somerset.gov.uk

The programme for the day includes:

Key note speech from CQC	Financial abuse and scams
Nightingale Care SAR	Substance misuse and safeguarding
Managing incidents between adults with care and support needs	Managing acute behavioural changes in care homes
Pressure wounds	Making safeguarding personal – Good practice examples
Coercive control	Improving medication practice in care homes – learning from experience
Mental capacity & LPS	

INFORMATION, GUIDANCE AND WEBSITE

Please note the following link to [tri.x online policy briefings](#) This will provide those working with children and adults at risk with up to date guidance and information. The latest briefings are available to download: **August**

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 January 2020.
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