

Newsletter

April 2019

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www.northsomersetsafeguarding.co.uk



Key messages from the LSCB

The LSCB met on 18th March 2019.

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

To note:

- **Safeguarding Partners update** was given. The deadline for the new LSCB arrangements is 29th September 2019. There has been discussion around having a regional Executive and joining sub-group activity regionally.
- **Section 11 Walkabout final reports.** Volunteers from the Board carried out a self-assessment audit during 2018 on three randomly selected partner agencies. These were: **National Probation Service, North Somerset Community Partnership and Weston Area Health Trust**. The theme of the audit was on interagency working and information sharing. The reports from these "walkabouts" were presented to the March Board. An action plan will be produced from the recommendations of these reports. Common themes included lack of awareness of the LSCB and its [website](#); [Threshold Criteria](#) and awareness of the South West Child Protection Procedures [SWCPP](#)
- **The Local Authority Domestic Abuse Coordinator** gave a presentation on a local **Family Conflict Pilot**. The perpetrators of ten families whose cases have already been triaged through the One Front Door (1FD) will be offered help

and motivation to change their behaviour, including one to one support from the High Impact Family (HIF) team practitioner with the aim to reduce emotional harm to children; prevent escalation; reduce repeat victimisation.

- Tony Oliver (Independent Chair) conveyed his thanks to Naomi Grace, **Safeguarding in Education Officer** and **L&D sub-group Co-Chair** who has now left the local authority. **Joanne Bocko** has been successfully recruited to take over both of Naomi's roles. Joanne is an ex-teacher and has spent five years with Avon and Somerset Police as a Victim Support Officer and educating schools around online safety as a Cyber Protect Officer.
- **Kate Blackburn** will be taking over, from **Bryn Youds, Multi-agency Learning and Development Officer** and **Co-Chair of the L&D sub-group**. Kate also joins us from Avon and Somerset Police where she is currently a Youth Project Co-ordinator delivering training sessions covering topics such as county lines, on-line safety and knife crime.

The following link to Home Office guidance has been uploaded on the website:
[Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: County Lines Guidance](#)

On the 13th March 2019 the local authority held a **Neglect Conference** at Somerset Hall in Portishead. Over 60 delegates from a wide range of multi-agency partners attended. Highly regarded speakers presented on the following topics

- Poverty, Inequality and Neglect
- Learning from over 77 serious case reviews
- Adolescent Neglect
- The North Somerset Neglect Tool Kit

A **summary presentation** of the conference is available to download from the North Somerset Safeguarding Board website.

SCR and Learning reviews:

A briefing about Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment has been circulated to partner agencies for discussion and reflection within teams: **CSA**

The NSPCC have an online library where national SCR reports are published. **National Case Review repository**



INFORMATION, GUIDANCE AND 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 briefing [March/April](#) is available to download.

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).

Recently added information is available:

Home Office Guidance on county lines: [Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: County Lines guidance](#)

Information for professionals from North Somerset Safer and Stronger Domestic Abuse Hub: [Domestic abuse: information for professionals](#)



Key messages from the LSAB

The LSAB met on 19th March 2019.

The [minutes](#) are available to download from the safeguarding boards website.

To note:

- A presentation was given by the local authority Domestic Abuse Coordinator and Strategy and Policy Development Officer on a recent Domestic Homicide Review (DHR). A summary from the review will shortly be available to download from the [North Somerset Partnership](#) website.
- The Board were tasked with five recommendations. The Chair committed the Board to take forward actions against these recommendations. These will be added to the DHR action plan.
- An update was given around the new MARAC/DASH arrangements. These multi-agency meetings around high-risk domestic abuse cases were, until this month, led by the Lighthouse Unit but will now be facilitated by the local authority Safer and Stronger team. **Please make sure you know who your organisation's MARAC representative is.**
- Refresher training has been arranged around the risk assessment framework, DASH and can be booked via [CPD online](#).
- The MARAC referral form can be downloaded from the Safer and Stronger Domestic Abuse Hub and is also available via our website. [Information for Professionals](#)
- A task and finish group has been established in response to a presentation given by Addaction about housing related exploitation. A briefing has been produced to raise awareness around "Cuckooing". This is available to download from the website. [Cuckooing awareness raising presentation](#)

Planning is underway for the next **Safeguarding Adults Board Provider's conference**. The Learning & Development Sub-Group is keen to hear suggestions for subject matter or speakers. Please contact Debbie Howitt (Debbie.howitt@n-somerset.gov.uk) with your ideas.

Following an audit in relation to Domestic Abuse, the Quality and Performance sub-group has produced the following briefing note on key findings, learning points and recommendations. This is available to download from the joint safeguarding website: [Domestic Abuse](#)

The LSAB had a stand at the local authority's Social Work Conference held on 12th March 2019. This was to raise awareness of the functions, roles and responsibilities of the Board, its Executive and sub-groups. A link to your **LSAB** and its **working groups**, including the **sub-groups, executive** and **Safeguarding Adult Review Panel** is available to download from the joint safeguarding boards website. [Board's Structure](#)

NHS England are hosting a series of **County Lines Awareness Events**. The next date is **23rd May, Taunton Rugby Club**. Download the poster for further information. [Poster](#)

Pressure injury training sessions are available at the Campus which can be booked via **CPD online**. **Download the poster for further information.**

West of England Tissue Viability Nurses have produced a 12-minute Pressure Injury film. This can be downloaded: <https://youtu.be/A4sPifCQ9ik>

A regional Adult Safeguarding Outcome and Performance self-assessment audit took place towards the end of last year. This was to assist LSABs to assess, monitor and evidence progress and achievements in relation to meeting adult safeguarding requirements. The audit sought evidence of the greater involvement of the adult at risk in the process and the outcomes which are achieved through Making Safeguarding Personal. These self-assessment returns have now been collated. Board managers from across the region have analysed the returns and common regional themes include raising awareness of:

- **Think Family**
- The LSAB and, in particular, the dissemination of learning from **SARs**
- **MCA and DoLS**

The Board's Executive will task its sub-groups to embed learning and practice of these areas through communications, audits and training. A Think Family audit has recently taken place and a final briefing note will be ready to circulate following the June Board.



The next newsletter will be circulated in July 2019.

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