



**Bath & North East Somerset
Local Safeguarding Adults Board**

KEY MESSAGES FROM THE CHAIR

MARCH/APRIL 2016

CASE STUDY

The Police gave a scenario of an incident they had recently had to deal with which involved Mental Health Services. This was a complex case and highlighted the need for the Police, Social Care and Health Services to work closely together in dealing with members of the public who can pose not only a threat to themselves but also to the neighbourhoods they live in.

ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

The Board reviewed the assurance framework and agreed to extend timescales to enable safeguarding to be more personalised for the person experiencing the safeguarding process. However, the Board agreed the safety of the person involved remains the most important factor and decisions will need to be made more quickly where this is a risk or concern. The new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Procedure is expected to be launched in June 2016.

Agreed all new policies and procedures will need to be shared across partners and widely across agencies within a month of being agreed.

SELF-ASSESSMENT SURVEY BEING DISTRIBUTED

This survey will be sent out soon via Sirona Care & Health on Meridian Surveys. The Board would like the assessment to be shared widely to gain as many responses as possible. This will be a bi-annual survey and the results will come back to the Board to improve understanding and learning about safeguarding practice in Bath & North East Somerset.

PREPARATION FOR STOP ADULT ABUSE WEEK (13th – 18th June 2016)

The theme this year will be around "Prevention" and the LSAB is inviting partners to share key messages about prevention through a number of key tools which will include:

1. A quiz to send around to staff with a prize draw at the June Board meeting
2. Run safeguarding training for staff or service users that week
3. Send round information on safeguarding that week

4. Promote safeguarding messages via the #stopadultabuse on Twitter, on other social media, e:Bulletins, newsletters intranet, payslips, send the Local Safeguarding Adult Boards newsletter etc.
5. Have the safeguarding banner at events you are running that week

Please email Sonia.hutchison@banescarerscentre.org.uk if you would like to resources to get involved.

During the week the Board will be launching the “Self Neglect Policy” – details to follow.

MENTAL CAPACITY ACT POLICY STATEMENT

The Board approved the Mental Capacity Act Multi-Agency Policy statement. This will be distributed to agencies/organisations shortly.

UPDATE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH CONCORDAT

Good news that the NHS has agreed to fund a Mental Health professional post for 15 months to pilot work alongside operational Police Officers to triage any relevant incidents thus providing the best possible response for the service user. The professional is in post and gathering evidence of the post’s effectiveness. Places of Safety are being looked at to take in all options to improve the experience of people with mental health issues who need a ‘place of safety’.

Healthwatch highlighted the importance of improving links between statutory and voluntary sector organisations in order to maximise community support for people with mental health problems in times of crisis.

MULTI-AGENCY ESCALATION POLICY FOR RESOLVING DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN WORKERS

The Board approved the “Multi-Agency Escalation Policy for Resolving Disagreement between Workers”. This document will be distributed to relevant agencies and organisations shortly.

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