

DBCP SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARDS NEWSLETTER

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Development Event

- Teresa Bell, Independent Chair for Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board, facilitated a constructive development session. Board members reflected on key areas of focus that had been progressed or achieved. These included successful work on: Right Care, Right Person, hoarding and self-neglect, Trusted Assessor models and assurance
- Key areas to focus on for 2025/26 were identified from the annual partner audit. These included the sharing of good practice, quality assurance and learning from SARS. Opportunities to measure the impact of the Board's work were explored.
- Board members agreed that the safeguarding partnership must ensure it enables people with lived experience and frontline practitioners to directly inform strategy. There must be a two-way feedback loop so that those making a safeguarding referral know whether it was appropriate
- Teresa Bell shared a Safeguarding Partnership Model, found here; **A Safeguarding Partnership Model**
- Members discussed how to raise awareness that 'safeguarding is everybody's business', and the need to improve our communication through partner channels and campaigns. We are currently refreshing the SAB website and how we communicate with Partners and will take this important feedback into account. An update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Board Meeting

- University Hospitals Dorset (UHD) presented 'Jean's journey' to highlight the experience of a person who remained in hospital for 6 months even after her initial physical medical needs had been met. This was due to a lack of options enabling her to return home safely. Her experience raised issues about gaps in legislation between Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and the Mental Health Act (MHA).
 - "Jean" has dementia and was admitted to hospital following a fall. Her husband was her carer and he had also been taken to hospital at the same time. After a short period, Jean was assessed as medically fit to go home but there was no care in place to enable her to return home safely.
 - The hospital applied for a DoLS; Due to Jean's circumstances, she did not meet eligibility for DoLS. Jean remained in hospital for 6 months due to a lack of options to safely discharge her. During this time, Jean caught an infection, she fell and her mental health deteriorated.
 - UHD have a significant number of people who remain in hospital even though they no longer have a medical need to be there. To support this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed to use with partners to enable safe, timely discharges.

- The MOU has enabled the right people to get round the table to discuss how to support discharges from hospital for people with complex needs. The team is looking to agree a timeframe for managing this process.
- Dorset Police presented Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (known as MAPPA) and its framework to protect the public from serious harm by managing sexual and violent offenders. They highlighted the importance of the views and involvement of Probation, Prisons, NHS Services and all Local Authority commissioned and provided services in MAPPA.
- Dorset Council updated us on Transitional Safeguarding, recognising that the needs of young people do not change or stop when they reach 18, making sure they have the help needed to keep themselves safe and as independent as possible. Dorset Council presented a Single Agency Learning Review, that was commissioned by both Dorset Adult and Children's Social Care services.
- SAR Billy Action Plan was signed off. This SAR focused on working with people with complex needs including physical disabilities, health conditions and substance misuse.
- SAR Katherine Action Plan (concerning domestic abuse and older people) was agreed.

Important upcoming dates for the diary

Thurs 8 May – SAR Subgroup 9.30-11.30am – Teams meeting

Tues 13 May – CEG Subgroup 1.00-3.00pm – in-person at Cobham's Sports Club

Thurs 22 May – QA Subgroup 1.00-3.30pm – Teams meeting

NEW DATE Fri 13 June – DBCP SAB Board meeting 10.00am-1.00pm – in-person at Cobham's Sports Club

Learning resources and SAB updates

SAR Edward was published in February 2025 and the review focused on working with people with a mental illness where there are concerns around cuckooing. Please find the full report [here](#).

The **7-minute learning** for SAR Edward can be found [here](#), please use this to support learning within your organisations.

The Dorset and BCP Safeguarding Adults Board **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Procedures**, produced collaboratively with SAB partners, have recently been reviewed and updated. Please see updated version [here](#), to be used and circulated within your organisations. It can also be found on both the BCP SAB website and the Dorset SAB website page.



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Useful guidance and research for staff from our Partner organisations

People First Forum is a partner within our Community Engagement Group and has set up the 'Safe Place' Scheme.

The Safe Place scheme was set up around 15 years ago for adults with learning disabilities, to have somewhere to go when they are out in the community if they:

- are being bullied, harassed
- become ill
- are lost
- need support

Currently working with the BCP Community Safety Team, the organization plans to run a pilot in Central Bournemouth to make the Safe Place Scheme for anyone who needs it, not just people with learning disabilities. There are currently 150 Safe Places in the BCP area. Places and Businesses that are part of the scheme are identified by the logo/sticker in their window or entrance so people can recognise that they are part of the 'Safe Place Scheme'. For further information on this or to become part of the scheme, go to www.safeplaces.org.uk



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