

DBCP SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARDS' NEWSLETTER

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At our last Board meeting on 21 March 2024, the Board received reports from all partners providing assurance that we had delivered on our 2023/2024 strategic plan. The Board also considered how we could keep abreast of important issues which challenge all public, voluntary and community sector partners. During this session, it was agreed by all Board Partners that active horizon scanning would be beneficial to our preventative work.

At the Board Meeting an update on safeguarding issues relating to the Bibby Stockholm barge was shared. Reporting mechanisms for concerns have been streamlined and there is dedicated health and care support available to people living on the barge. There is much media interest and significant external scrutiny of arrangements by the Joint Commission for Human Rights, the United Nations Refugee Council and the Home Office Select Committee.

As always, Board Members reviewed the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) risk register and were assured that none of the SAB risks had changed nor were any new risks added.

The SABs' budget report was shared, and members agreed that for the 2024-25 financial year statutory partner contributions would remain unchanged.

Each Subgroup Chair reported on activity over the previous quarter and plans for the coming months. Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Action Plans were reviewed, and updates agreed. The importance of this to the SAB being able to fulfil its statutory duties in relation to SARs (S44 of the Care Act) is critical. One of the recommendations from SAR Billy refers to further embedding in practice the use of multi-agency risk management (MARM) meetings; the SAB has some related training planned for May 2024 and statutory partners are working with the Business Team on MARM Guidance.

SAR Simon has prompted recommendations to be escalated on a national level to ensure the transfer of medical records between countries of the UK in order to facilitate effective safeguarding of residents moving between the home nations.

In response to a letter from the SAB Chair following the publication of SAR 'Aziza' the Chief Executive of the Student Loans Company (SLC) wrote to outline some of the training staff had received based on a 'vulnerability toolkit' with scenarios and protocols for SLC staff to follow, and that an internal project had identified 14 indicators that may indicate a student who may need additional help when interacting with the SLC, these include Reasonable Adjustments and Mental Health. The Board welcomed this assurance regarding progress of the Action Plan

Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the new Mental Capacity Act /Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (MCA/DoLS) Subgroup were agreed ahead of their first meeting planned for Q1 of 2024-25.

We always take an opportunity, at every meeting, to listen to people or to their stories when they have been supported through a safeguarding intervention. We heard from someone who had been homeless, that the Homelessness Intervention Team had intervened with the social care safeguarding team to support them. This provided assurance that timely actions were taken and that the outcomes they desired were considered.

The person described never having heard of 'safeguarding' before meeting the staff members and recounted how they were sleeping rough and had received abuse from some members of the public. Some of the people that they met on the streets had been in drug or alcohol rehab facilities but were unable at that time to manage their addictions. The person stayed in several temporary accommodation settings before being supported to secure their own place; describing how good it felt to know there was a place to call their own. Some of the things appreciated most would probably be taken for granted by most of us (e.g. their own fridge to store food and own bathroom).

The person told us how staff in services worked together to empower them – the social worker told the Board that all credit must go to the person who feels in control of their life now.

Board Business team: Who we are!

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We all work across both council areas but are hosted as a team by BCP Council.

With recruitment to our new Project Officer post, we now have more capacity to deliver our plans, in particular to ensure that we improve our wider communication by improving/relaunching our website during 2024. This will enable us to expand our reach into communities and also improve access to documents for our partner agencies. More information to follow. Importantly we are going to be working with our colleagues in the Community Engagement Group to ensure that the public part of our website is accessible to everyone.

Important upcoming dates for the diary

- ***Safeguarding Adult Review Learning Event - 20th June 2024, 9.30am – 1pm via Teams***
- ***The DBCP SAB Annual Report 23/24 is in production – please support the Business team by ensuring your responses are sent to the team by the deadline of 14 May 2024***
- ***Prisons, Probation and Safeguarding – Date to be confirmed – look out for invite! This follows from visits to 2 prisons in September. We will be discussing the safeguarding issues that prison and probation staff are faced with and how we can support vulnerable prisoners on release to keep them and our communities safe.***

7-Minute Learning Reviews

We always try to ensure that learning from safeguarding general issues or from safeguarding adult reviews (SARs) is accessible. Our website ([click here](#)) holds the details of all those published Reviews. Following a SAR, we aim to publish a 7-Minute Learning Review on the website, and we hope that by promoting the 7-Minute Learning Reviews here it will give you a second or a new opportunity to consider the learning. Below is a link to one published recently:

SAR 'Aziza'

Aziza was a young person studying locally at university. She took her own life and the DBCP SAB commissioned a Safeguarding Adults Review to examine what happened and consider the learning for partners and other national organisations.



SAR Aziza 7 min
Learning Jan 24.pdf

Useful guidance and research

Dorset and BCP Boards Safeguarding video

Please take a look at the DBCP SAB Adult Safeguarding animation. Please use it within your organisation and in training.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyTfbO8esZw&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bcpsafeguardingadultsboard.com%2F&feature=emb_imp_woyt

Dorset & BCP revised local Pressure Ulcer Guidance

This guidance has been updated by NHS Dorset.



Appendix 16
Pressure ulcer and sat

There is also a National Pressure Ulcer guidance document published by government [Pressure ulcers: how to safeguard adults - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pressure-ulcers-how-to-safeguard-adults)

Spotlight on...

Alistair Doxat-Purser is CEO of Faithworks Wessex which supports a number of Foodbanks across BCP. He chatted about the importance of Safeguarding with **Hannah Rees, Deputy Chair of the CEG.**

“All staff and volunteers at the foodbanks have Safeguarding training which is updated regularly. They are taught that ‘if it doesn’t feel, smell or look right’ then they should create a record of concern. This is shared with the Foodbank Manager who discusses this with Alistair. If necessary, issues are escalated by contacting the BCP Council Safeguarding team or are logged as ‘one to watch’ by the foodbank.

At Faithworks quarterly safeguarding subgroup meetings, all Safeguarding issues from the foodbanks are discussed to understand ‘what we did’ and ‘what we learnt’ from each report. Examples of these are then used to train the volunteers. Once a year, Faithworks answers questions from the Charity Commission about Safeguarding at their foodbanks.

In 2023 one person arrived at a food bank and, as they spoke to a volunteer they burst into tears, said they were in debt and were feeling suicidal. They were given the number of the local Samaritans group and Faithworks was also able to give the person help with debt advice. On another occasion someone who was very distressed entered a foodbank and was deemed to be a danger to others. All the customers present were shown to a safe space and two team members waited with the person whilst help was obtained. As a result of our regular and updated Safeguarding training, we were able to support everyone in the right way, whilst maintaining the safety of all present.”