

# DBCP SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARDS NEWSLETTER

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## **Safeguarding Adults Boards Meeting on 26 September 2024**

- Dorset Police gave a presentation focusing on Digital Safeguarding for Vulnerable Adults
  - The guest speaker shared his experiences working in adult safeguarding, specifically POLIT (Paedophile Online Investigation Team) and highlighted the increasing trend of vulnerable adults getting into trouble online, both as victim and offenders
  - The emphasis was on the impact of online exposure on vulnerable adults particularly those with learning difficulties and Autism; the need for prioritising digital safeguarding for vulnerable adults and the importance of early intervention and education.
  - It was agreed a Task & Finish Group would be formed to commence in January 2025, to address the issue of online exploitation of vulnerable adults, so the SAB can seek assurance from Partner Agencies.
- A proposed local protocol with Dorset Coroner was shared following the ongoing work to address the interface between SARs and coronial processes. The protocol will be sent out to Board Members and members are encouraged to inform the SAB Business Team if they have a case that should be referred for a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR).
- Public Health Dorset presented a proposal, responding to suicide clusters and prevention. Board discussed the importance of intervention by multi-agency partners and of linking suicide prevention strategies with safeguarding responsibilities. Public Health is changing from 1 April 2025 as the shared team that worked across the two councils will become two smaller teams. For this reason, it would be helpful to establish a greater understanding of local responsibilities around suicide prevention in preparation for refreshed plans under each council. It is proposed that responsibility for enacting the specific response to a suspected cluster should be held by the Dorset and BCP Safeguarding Adults Board, with resource provided by specialist public health, supported by multi-agency partners. Public Health will develop a protocol for responding to clusters of suicides and bring this back to the SAB.
- The Annual Reports 2023-24, previously circulated were approved. These will now be published on SAB websites and presented to the Health and Well Boards and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

## **7-Minute Learning Reviews**

Following delivery of the reports for SAR Simon and SAR Billy, we have published 7-Minute Learning Reviews, and we hope colleagues will share these in their team meetings.

SAR Billy addressed the issues of: Working with people with complex needs including physical disabilities, health conditions and substance misuse [7 Min Learning SAR Billy](#)

SAR Simon addressed the issues of: Information sharing across authorities/ UK countries and impact of COVID Pandemic on this, as well as the challenge of finding suitable accommodation for older people with mental ill health (not dementia) [Learning Briefing SAR Simon](#)

## **Important upcoming dates for the diary**

### **Thurs 7 November 2024 – Keeping Safe Event 9.30am-4pm**

*The Keeping Safe event is being held for adults and young people with learning disabilities to learn more about how to stay safe when out and about in BCP and to find out what support is available. For further info go to [Keeping Safe Event](#)*

### **Thurs 12 December 2024 - DBCP SAB Meeting 1.30pm-4pm**

*This meeting will be via Teams, please ensure this date is in diaries now*

### **Thurs 20 March 2025 - DBCP SAB Meeting and Development Event 9.30am-5pm**

*This meeting will be in person, further details will follow, please ensure this date is in diaries now*

*We are planning Safeguarding Provider Events for the residential and domiciliary care sector as well as our next annual event for registered housing providers early in 2025 – more details to follow. Do contact the business team with any questions.*

## **Useful guidance and research for staff from our Partner organisations**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFS) has launched a Safe & Well video for Partner Agencies. A Safe & Well visit is a free service and below explains how you can help DWFS visit those people most at risk;

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits/information-for-partner-agencies/>

DWFS Community Safety Plan can also be found here: [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Community safety plan 2024-28 \(dwfire.org.uk\)](#)



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