

Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) Annual Report 2017-18 - Cover Report

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Local Safeguarding Adults Boards are a statutory requirement of the Care Act 2014 and require organisations to come together to agree on how they will cooperate with each other to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults. The Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) has been operating since 2000 but was originally known as the Adult Protection Committee. The Care Act gives the Board the power to place a “duty to enquire” on statutory partners (Local Authority, the Police and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group) agencies to progress safeguarding enquiries.
- 1.2 The Government recognised that even though Local Authorities have been responsible for adult safeguarding for a number of years, there have never been any clear laws to support this. Therefore, under the Care Act 2014 there was a statutory responsibility for SABs to be in place from April 2015, enabling local partnership working amongst key organisations to hold each other to account and to ensure safeguarding adults remains high on the agenda across the area. The Care Act 2014 recognises that Local Authorities alone cannot safeguard individuals but requires joint-working with other agencies supported by increasing the awareness of adult safeguarding amongst the wider public.
- 1.3 The BSAB is a multi-agency Board comprising statutory, independent, voluntary organisations and service user/carer representation which have a stakeholder interest in safeguarding adults. The vision of the Board is ‘that every adult – irrespective of age, race, gender, culture, religion, disability or sexual orientation, has a right to live a life free from abuse, neglect, exploitation and discrimination’.
- 1.4 The BSAB Annual Report 2017-18 (Item 4b - attached) outlines the work of the board and its local and regional partners from April 2017 to March 2018. Key achievements during this time include:
- the development of a new Self-Neglect & Hoarding Policy to help workers and volunteers to provide support where needed
 - the establishment of a Safeguarding Customer Forum to inform the Board of issues affecting adults who either live with, or care for someone with, disabilities
 - a new Learning and Development Sub-group to provide assurance that workers and volunteers are able to recognise and respond to abuse, in line with the agreed training strategy
 - the introduction of an audit programme to ensure that practice is compliant with agreed policies
 - an agreed People in Positions of Trust (PIPOT) Policy was agreed and key individuals in all agencies trained to address any PIPOT concerns. The policy aims to prevent workers and volunteers who have been involved in the abuse of adults moving onto other roles/jobs
 - a successful Safeguarding Awareness Week with a large number of events for the public and workers/volunteers
 - close partnership working resulting in agreed operational guidance to help workers and volunteers keep adults safe, this was supported by a number of training events

1.5 BSAB's plans for 2018-19 are shown in Item 4c (attached). The four strategic priorities for the Board in the coming year are:-

- Sharing and engaging with the people of Barnsley
- Helping, empowering and supporting the people of Barnsley by providing high quality safeguarding services when adults are harmed or abused, putting their views and wishes at the centre of any action
- All organisations in Barnsley working together to prevent harm and neglect of adults and take action as soon as possible
- All organisations to be accountable for their actions by sharing how they keep people safe and prevent harm/abuse/neglect

1.6 At today's meeting, a number of Board representatives have been invited to the meeting to answer questions from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the work of the BSAB over the last Annual Reporting year (April 2017-March 2018) as well as to talk about the work being undertaken this year.

2.0 Invited Witnesses

2.1 The following witnesses have been invited to today's meeting:

- Bob Dyson, Independent Chair, BSAB
- Rachel Dickinson, Executive Director – People, BMBC
- Lennie Sahota, Service Director, Adult Assessment and Care Management, BMBC
- Monica Green, Head of Service – Safeguarding and Quality Assurance, BMBC
- Sarah MacGillivray, Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Adults, BCCG – Chair of the Pathways & Partnership Sub-group
- Alison Bielby, Deputy Director of Nursing, BHNFT
- Julie Warren-Sykes, Assistant Director of Nursing and Quality, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SWYPFT)
- Chief Superintendent Scott Green, Barnsley District Commander, SYP
- Michael Potter, Service Director, Organisation and Workforce Improvement, BMBC – Chair of the Performance Management Sub-Group
- Cath Erine, Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board Manager, BMBC
- Representative from the Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE) Customer Group
- Cllr Margaret Bruff, Cabinet Spokesperson – People (safeguarding)

3.0 Possible Areas for Investigation

3.1 Members may wish to ask questions around the following areas:

- What achievement are you particularly proud of this year and what difference has it made to the community?
- The Safeguarding Children's Board has developed the 'Neglect Matters' strategy for children but given that neglect was the reason for the highest percentage of safeguarding concerns for adults last year, what is being done for them?
- Which of the priorities for this coming year (2018/19) will have the greatest impact on improving outcomes for people?

- Can you give some examples of the type of vulnerable adults that the police have had to deal with in the last year and what impact it has had on the service?
- How do you know whether the Board is effective?
- When will the enquiries into the safeguarding of adults be completed and what do you think will be learned?
- What does the 2017/18 performance tell us compared to last year and compared to regional figures?
- How does BSAB and BSCB work together to protect vulnerable people that reach the age where they would move from one to the other?
- What prevents the Board from being more effective?
- What actions could be taken by Members to assist in the work of BSAB?

4.0 Background Papers and Useful Links

- BSAB Annual Report 2017-18 (Item 4b - attached)
- BSAB Strategic Plan 2018-19 (Item 4c – attached)
- Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board Website:
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/safeguarding-families-in-barnsley/safeguarding-adults-in-barnsley/barnsley-safeguarding-adults-board/>
- The Care Act Easy Read Summary:-
<https://inclusionnorth.org/uploads/attachment/600/care-act-easy-read-summary.pdf>
- BMBC Self Neglect and Hoarding Policy 2018:-
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/8678/self-neglect-and-hoarding-policy.pdf>
- BMBC Protocol for Concerns About Persons in a Position of Trust Report 2018:-
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/7618/pipot-protocol-final-version-february-2018.docx>

5.0 Glossary

BCCG	Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
BSAB	Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board
PIPOT	People in Positions of Trust
SAFE	Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience
SWYPFT	South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
SYP	South Yorkshire Police

6.0 Officer Contact

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