

**Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) Annual Report 2018-19 - 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 Board believes that everyone has a right to feel safe and to live without fear of abuse, neglect or exploitation. The Board’s priority is to protect adults who live in the borough, promote their wellbeing and reduce the risk of harm for those with care and support needs.
- 1.4 The BSAB Annual Report 2018-19 (Item 5b - attached) outlines the work of the board and its local and regional partners from April 2018 to March 2019. Key achievements during this time include:
- the delivery of training events which support organisations to train their staff on how to identify and respond to self-neglect, as well as an e-learning resource to increase knowledge of safeguarding issues
  - the production of a leaflet for the hearing impaired community so that they know how to report abuse and a leaflet for adults who have agreed they want help to stop the harm
  - the identification of good practice and improvements to be made following a review of the deaths of two adults
  - participation in the Yorkshire & Humberside ‘Making Safeguarding Personal Stocktake’ and supporting work to improve data quality dashboards
  - the delivery of training sessions to support the People in Positions of Trust policy
  - Safeguarding Awareness Week including sessions delivered on modern slavery; hate and mate crime; and living as an asylum seeker
  - a review of the partners’ assessment tools, used to ensure that adults who are socially isolated are identified

- a survey of residents in care homes to determine whether lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) adults feel safe and that homes are inclusive places to live
- An evaluation of the recently introduced Decision Support Guidance, used to help workers screen cases before sending them to safeguarding, to see how well the information has been disseminated and whether workers found it useful

1.5 The report also shows BSAB's plans for 2019-20, based on the following strategic priorities for the Board:-

- Making Safeguarding Personal – supporting adults at risk to achieve the outcomes they want to stay safe
- embed Making Safeguarding Personal into all safeguarding practice by seeking feedback from adults who have been safeguarded
- work with the Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE) to increase their involvement in shaping the work of the Board and helping adults in Barnsley stay free from abuse/harm
- work in partnership with the Community Safety, Health & Wellbeing Boards on issues that affect adults who may need more than safeguarding support
- review the impact of publicity materials and campaigns on public awareness and the number of concerns raised by them
- co-produce resources that support citizens of Barnsley to feel confident to report safeguarding concerns

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 2018-March 2019) 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
- Lennie Sahota, Service Director, Adult Social Care & Health, BMBC
- Stephanie Evans, Interim Head of Service, Safeguarding & Quality Assurance, BMBC
- Adrian Hobson, Senior Contracts & Compliance Manager, BMBC
- Cath Erine, Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board Manager, BMBC
- Cllr Margaret Bruff, Cabinet Spokesperson – Children's Services (formerly People - Safeguarding)
- Cllr Nicola Sumner, Cabinet Support Member – Adults & Communities
- Deborah Longmore, Safeguarding Adults Lead, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BHNFT)
- Emma Cox, Assistant Director of Nursing, Quality & Professions, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SWYPFT)
- Jo Harrison, Nurse Quality Manager-Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS), Barnsley CCG
- Detective (DCI) Chief Inspector Paul Murphy, South Yorkshire Police (SYP)
- Representative from the Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE) Customer Group

### **3.0 Possible Areas for Investigation**

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

- What achievements are you particularly proud of this year, including activity during Safeguarding Awareness Week, and what improved outcomes has this delivered for the community?
- What specific changes have been made to policies as a result of the 'learning the lessons review' and when do you expect these to be fully embedded?
- 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?
- When reporting safeguarding concerns, do all agencies effectively use the same thresholds and methodology, or are some more cautious than others?
- How do you know whether the tool to help workers screen cases (decision support guidance) is effectively capturing all those that are in need?
- How confident are you that staff have the time and skills to be curious and persistent with individuals who may not initially want to engage?
- Is there any evidence to suggest a particular reason for the fall in financial abuse cases and the increase in women supported by safeguarding this year?
- Can you give an example of how the Care Homes Quality Board works with privately owned care homes to drive up quality?
- What concerns does the Board have relating to the merging of Barnsley & Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)?
- What risk assessments are done to ensure that older people are not victims of the types of abuse that are stereotypically linked with younger people, e.g. sexual abuse and grooming, and what can be put in place to protect them?
- How do you demonstrate that the Board is value for money?
- How do you know whether the Board is effective and what are the barriers that may prevent it from being so?
- What value will Community Safety & the Health & Wellbeing Board add to the work of the board?
- What actions could be taken by Members to assist in the work of BSAB?

### **4.0 Background Papers and Useful Links**

- BSAB Annual Report 2018-19 (Item 5b - 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/>
- BSAB Safeguarding Adult Reviews – Lessons Learned  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/safeguarding-families-in-barnsley/safeguarding-adults-in-barnsley/barnsley-safeguarding-adults-board/safeguarding-adult-reviews-sars/>
- Making Safeguarding Personal – Local Government Association website  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/our-improvement-offer/care-and-health-improvement/making-safeguarding-personal>
- The Care Act Easy Read Summary:-  
<https://inclusionnorth.org/uploads/attachment/600/care-act-easy-read-summary.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

BMBC	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
BHNFT	Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
BSAB	Barnsley Safeguarding Adult's Board
BCCG	Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
MSP	Making Safeguarding Personal
SAFE	Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience
SAR	Safeguarding Adults Review
SWYPFT	South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
SYP	South Yorkshire Police

## 6.0 Officer Contact

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