



Stockton-on-Tees
 BOROUGH COUNCIL

STOCKTON-ON-TEES SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS COMMITTEE	
Thursday 13 January 2011 09.00 – 12.00 Venue: Education Centre	
Present:	
Liz Hanley - Chair	Interim Head of Adult Strategy/Assistant Director (Commissioning), SBC/ NHS Stockton
Jane Humphreys	Corporate Director of CESC, SBC
Cllr Ann Cains	Councillor and Champion Dignity in Care.
Jim Beall	Cabinet member (Adult services and health), SBC
Paul Green	Adult Safeguarding Co-ordinator, SBC
Julie Higgins	Housing Strategy Manager
Rob Papworth	Interim Strategic Commissioner
Peter Seller	Head of Children and Young People's Strategy
Christine Brown	Policy Lead Adult Safeguarding NHS Tees
Mick Walker	Business Manager, Tees-wide SVAB
Les Jones	Head of Community Safety, Fire Brigade
Mick Williams	Chief Inspector, Stockton Police
Neal McCarthy	First Contact Manager
Molly Taylor	Project Lead MHA MCA DoLS, SBC

Pat Haslam	Professional Head of Social Work SBC Mental Health, SBC
Parveen Mughal	Care Home Association
Dena Barlett	Emergency Duty Team, SBC
Suzanne Yellowby	Vulnerability Unit, Cleveland Police
David Pickard	Tristar Homes
Apologies:	
Janet Hayes	Commissioning Manager (Training) SBC
Sean McEneaney	Assistant Director/Head of Adult Operations.
Chris Wharton	Care Quality Commission
Trish McPartland	Joint Strategic Commissioner, MH, SBC
Allison Agius	Catalyst
Ian Ramshaw	Strategic Commissioner, SBC
Julie Higgins	Housing Strategy Manager
Glenda Adey	Manager, D H Homecare
Judith Wormack	TEWV Trust
Margaret Brett	TEWV, Lead Nurse
Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting: November 2010.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Domestic Violence away day has been arranged for the 14 January; feedback from the away day will be given at the next SVAC meeting. • The Committee welcomed Neal McCarthy who is the newly appointed First Contact Manager. Neal informed the committee that Terry Elliott has been appointed as Deputy Manager and will attend the SVAC in future.

2	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised terms of reference for the SVAC were accepted. • Radio campaign: Stockton to be included; regional funding has been identified. • Letters to Area partnership Boards were re-sent to Sarah Upex and a response has been received by Liz. 	
3	<p>VH report</p> <p>The Lessons Learned report was discussed at the last SVAC; Liz spoke to a report that gave an overview of what happened and the issues relating to VH. Monitoring of service provision going forward was discussed; Clinical Quality Standards are in development and will be incorporated into the care home contract; Chris Brown stated that professional issues were addressed via NHS processes (in relation to dual employment). Peter Sellar asked how processes are checked and the responsibilities of providers were outlined. Working time directive issues were discussed Paul raised the general issue of NMC sanctions and checks. Paul has contacted the NMC for related information but has not received a response; Liz will contact the NMC for clarification on behalf of the Committee.</p>	LH
4	<p>Feed back from Leeds conference</p> <p>Paul Green gave a presentation (attached) which was presented at the Leeds conference. Background on development of 'No Secrets' guidance and formation of Adult Safeguarding Committees was given. Rather than a review of No Secrets that had been expected, this conference had been arranged in order to present a vision for adult safeguarding.</p> <p>A set of principles for safeguarding are now expected.</p> <p>An update on SHA work was given by Chris, such as the GP toolkit and assurance framework; it is hoped that the Law Commission will put a duty to cooperate on health partners in relation to adult safeguarding.</p>	

	<p>The conference presentation on violence in relationships was of high quality and the Safer Stockton Partnership is to be made aware of this with a view to a future event or workshop being arranged.</p> <p>Cllr Ann Cains asked for advice relating to when people raise issues but then say they do not want the information to be shared. Responsibilities are to be clarified with democratic services, but the view of the Committee was that the information should be shared appropriately whilst respecting confidentiality.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>LH</p>
5	<p>Reporting to the Evening Gazette</p> <p>Issues relating to the inappropriate reporting of details such as residents' addresses by the Evening Gazette were discussed.</p>	
6	<p>Activity Report: for discussion</p> <p>Rob gave an overview of the report and explained why Q3 data from 2009-10 was included for comparison, but how alerts were not monitored at this time as distinct from referrals. More information was requested in relation to cases that have progressed through the system, i.e. with a completed risk assessment and protection plan and the related outcomes identified.</p> <p>Information was requested about the detail of the source of referral e.g. when from a care home, who in the care home raises the alert? Anecdotally this is via the registered manager.</p> <p>Parveen informed the group that access to First Contact is easy and the staff are approachable.</p> <p>A move towards an outcomes based approach is required, but this will be incremental in view of the amount of work involved. Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care document will to be distributed with the minutes.</p> <p>Next Meeting: alerts analysis (6 months data) and an overview of activity to date will be presented. Comparisons to be made with Tees-wide data analysis and Mick will report to the Board in February.</p>	<p>RP</p>

7	<p>Mental Capacity Act update</p> <p>Molly gave an overview of the activity paper that was tabled. The format of the report is for comments and discussion. A comparison with other local authority areas will be brought to the next meeting. The number of requests for Deprivation of Liberty authorisation needs to be put into the context of the adult population and how many requests relating to the same person identified. Details of the conditions, when applied, of the authorisations would also be of interest.</p> <p>Whether the activity level is as expected in terms of national ratios. Is unclear as this area of work is relatively new and therefore it is difficult to know exactly what should be expected, but regional and national links are informing this process.</p> <p>It was noted that the PCT percentage of authorisations is higher than the Council's. This needs to be looked at further. Links to safeguarding performance reporting are to be made. The National team is under review. The Mental Capacity Act grant ends on 31.03.2011 and the needs for 2011-12 onwards are also currently under review.</p>	MT
8	<p>Adult Service Inspection Report and Action Plan update</p> <p>Paul gave a verbal update in relation to the adult safeguarding components of the action plan. The updated action plan will be circulated with the minutes. A full update will be presented at ACMT 18.01.2011.</p>	LH
9	<p>Committee work plan</p> <p>This plan has been updated and will be reviewed when the Adult Structures EIT task and finish group is completed.</p>	
10	<p>Tees-wide Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board business manager work plan update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire brigade information sharing guidance has been produced and paper to be taken to Tees-wide Board to recommend this piece of work. • Review of the vulnerability unit: a number of partners were not involved in this and the Tees-wide Board chair has written to the police to raise this issue. • SCR protocol to be discussed at next Tees-wide 	

	<p>Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report to be discussed at the next Tees-wide Board. • Tees-wide safeguarding policy is being circulated for the required signatures. <p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to the next meeting. <p>Agenda Items for April's meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward plan to be circulated with the minutes of the meeting. 	
11	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane briefed the Committee about the current Efficiency Improvement and Transformation task and finish group of adult structures that will be presented to Cabinet in March 2011. Safeguarding structures will be incorporated into this review. • Jane, Neil Schneider and Paul are to attend an Equality and Human Rights Enquiry on 25.1.2011 in relation to Disability Hate Crime with reference to a local murder in 2005. The chief constable and PCT chief executive are also attending. • Paul will circulate incidents of prosecutions under the MCA for information to the Committee. 	PG
12	<p>Date and Time of next meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 14 April 2011, 9.00am, Education Centre, Norton.</p>	