



**STOCKTON-ON-TEES
SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 15th May 2012
09.00 - 12.00**

Venue: Conference Room, Education Centre, Junction Road, Stockton

Present:

Jane Humphreys	Corporate Director (Chair)
Sean McEneaney	Head of Adult Services, SBC
Cllr Jim Beall	Cabinet Member (Adult services and Health), SBC
Liz Hanley	Adult Strategy Manager, SBC
Paul Green	Strategic Lead Adult Safeguarding and Mental Capacity Act, SBC
Mick Cane	Cleveland police, Detective Inspector
Tracey Bell	Community Health & Wellbeing Mgr, Cleveland Fire Brigade
Glyn Roberts	Service Manager, SBC
Brett Bardsley	Team Manager, Safeguarding
Andrew Thomas	Performance Support Manager, SBC
Kevin Richards	Emergency Duty Team Manager, SBC
David Toor	Inspector Cleveland Police
Pat Haslam	Head of Social Work and Mental Health, SBC
Rob Papworth	Lead Commissioner (Older People) for agenda items 5&6
Janet Hayes	Commissioning Manager (Training) SBC
Christine Brown	Policy Lead Adult Safeguarding NHS Tees
Molly Taylor	Adult Safeguarding Specialist Nurse
Judy Womack	Safeguarding, TEWV

Apologies:

Cllr Steve Nelson Cabinet Member (Housing and Community Safety), SBC

Caroline Wood Housing Options Manager, SBC

Terry Elliott First Contact Manager, SBC

Mick Walker Business Manager, Tees-wide SVAB

Allison Agius Chief Executive, Catalyst

Marie Brown Safeguarding Lead, NEAS
(for Lesley Thirlwell)

Parveen Mughal Independent Care Home Representative

Minutes taken by: Joanne Dickens

Agenda Item	Item	Action
1 & 2	Introductions and Apologies: Introductions were made and apologies accepted.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting: 23rd Feb 2012 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
4	Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local safeguarding process has been updated and re circulated • The feedback from the financial abuse workshop to review lessons learnt was presented by Paul. This work is ongoing as financial abuse is reported as the largest safeguarding category. • The updated proposal for the Social Care Worker / PA registration will be presented at the September meeting of the Tees-wide Board. • Liz gave an update on the current multi-agency position in relation to safeguarding in a local dementia care home. 	
5.	Quality Standards Framework Rob Papworth presented the Committee with an overview of the Quality Standards Framework for care homes, as agreed at the last meeting. A discussion took place concerning the possible fee bands and potential sanctions relating to safeguarding and the role of the PCT in quality monitoring.	RP

	Rob will take these points forward and provide an update to the Committee in September.	
6.	<p>Care Home Contract Review</p> <p>The care home contract expires on 30th September 2012. The extract of the draft service specification relating to safeguarding was circulated at the meeting and will be sent out with the minutes. Comments should be sent to Rob Papworth for consideration in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training - Professional registration - Complaints <p>Jane stated that a requirement to provide evidence of quality assurance should be incorporated into the service specification. Discussions took place regarding CRB checks and the current labour market. People with a conviction may be employed depending on the circumstances and provided a risk assessment has been carried out. The decision in the Council is made by the relevant Head of Service / Director.</p>	
7&8.	<p>Witness Support Preparation and profiling & DVD</p> <p>Mick gave an update on the model which Liverpool have adopted and reported on local progress. Hartlepool and Stockton would like to trial this model and both the police and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) are committed. It was reported that £10,000 has been allocated by the PCT to fund this project in Stockton. A further planning meeting is due to take place this week to discuss how the model would operate in Stockton. The project brief will be presented at the next SVAC meeting in September.</p>	MW
9	<p>Activity Analysis</p> <p>The activity data for 2011-12 was presented in draft format as it has not yet been finalised. Andrew advised that the final quarter of 2011-12 is a snapshot and further work will be undertaken with data cleansing.</p>	

	<p>Based on the national AVA definitions, 2011-12 data will be finalised by the end of May 2012. This will be published by the department of Health in December 2012; a subset of the data will be shared by the Tees Authorities at the Tees-wide Board for local comparisons. This will initially be the full year data for 2011-12. The intention for the future is to compare Adult Safeguarding Activity in Stockton with the North East Local Authorities as well as our National Comparator authorities.</p>	
10	<p>Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Update</p> <p>Liz spoke to the paper that had been circulated with the meeting papers. It was reported that the Council is taking over the statutory duty for MCA Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) from April 2013, although the funding for this is still unclear. A best interest assessor (BIA) and signatory forum has been formed to look at the context of the activity figures. Paul advised that current MCA DoLS figures show consistency over the last two years and are close to predicted national figures. Pat Haslam highlighted her concerns regarding BIA assessments, which involve subjective judgement and may result in higher levels of DoLS authorisations in some areas.</p>	
11.	<p>Redcar & Cleveland Serious Case review</p> <p>Following the Redcar and Cleveland Serious Case review regarding an Oxygen (O₂) dependent client who died due to heart failure following a fire, a recommendation was made to establish how many Vulnerable Adults in the Borough were using O₂ and to show evidence that we have minimised the risks. Tracey Bell advised that the fire service receive weekly updates to determine new users of O₂ and any homes which O₂ needs to be removed from. A fire risk assessment service is offered to all families to ensure O₂ is used safely. However, residents are not obliged to use this service.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following information is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many people are using O₂ 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many have had the fire risk assessment; - How many are due to be completed; - Who has refused the fire risk assessment; <p>This information should be forwarded to Sean.</p> <p>It was agreed that people who refuse the service should be assessed for their capability to make the decision and a further approach via a relevant agency should be carried out.</p> <p>Police Vulnerable Adult Pilot Update</p> <p>The Committee was informed that the vulnerable adults' police pilot led by Mandy Matthews has progressed well and good working relationships between the local authority and the police were reported. There is limited analysis of the impact of the pilot as yet but an evaluation will take place soon (timescales to be determined).</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>DT</p>
12.	<p>Committee Work Plan</p> <p>Liz tabled the draft committee work plan. The Committee was asked to provide updates / required amendments to the work plan. The work plan will be reviewed at the SVAC development session (see item 13).</p>	All
13	<p>Standing Items:</p> <p>Tees - wide Board Development Day Feedback:</p> <p>Jane spoke to the summary paper that has been circulated with the meeting papers. Jane updated the Committee on the outcomes from the development day and the commitment to review the Board work plan.</p> <p>SVAC Development Day</p> <p>The Committee was asked whether a development day would be beneficial to take stock of what was happening locally and the challenges faced ahead. A date and an agenda has yet to be agreed.</p> <p>Adult Safeguarding and the NHS</p> <p>Chris spoke to the paper 'Safeguarding Adults in Health Care- Process Review and Integrated Case Review Model</p>	JH

	<p>Development' that had been circulated with the meeting papers. Key recommendations from this report will be addressed by a time limited working group led by the Strategic Health Authority. This will be taken forward this month and Chris will provide an update at the next SVAC meeting.</p> <p>Chris outlined the process for authorisation of the Clinical Commissioning Group and the requirements for safeguarding and quality assurance relating to this.</p> <p>Training Update</p> <p>Janet reported that IMCA Awareness training was currently underway along with the Jackie Prichard minute taking course.</p> <p>The e-learning training has been updated and access to this has been requested by dentists.</p> <p>The NHS is interested in the 2 day Advanced Safeguarding Chairing training, which costs £160.00 per person. A 20 person cohort would be needed (the course fee for each attendee would increase should there be less than this). A suggestion was made as to whether this could be offered across Tees, which will be taken to the Tees – wide training group.</p> <p>Agenda items for forward plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serious untoward Incidents and Incident reporting (CB) - Mencap Presentation - Victim Support Presentation <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Service Quality Updates</p> <p>Mike Cane reported that a carer employed by Barchester Health has been found guilty and is due in court for sentencing next week.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>PG</p>
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	<p>Keep Safe Event</p> <p>Paul provided the Committee with an overview of the Keep Safe Event due to be held 16th May 2012.</p> <p>User and Carer Representation</p> <p>The Committee would welcome the development of a process to obtain users' / carers' issues that relate to safeguarding. Links to the LD Partnership Board are in place. The Keep Safe Event was agreed to be a good way to involve users / carers in initial consultation. This will be discussed further at September's Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Glyn informed the Committee that a user questionnaire is in operation to capture user feedback relating to their experience of the safeguarding process. This questionnaire will be circulated with the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Molly informed the Committee of significant funding that the FT has secured to be invested in adult safeguarding initiatives.</p> <p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 18th September 9:00 - 12:00 Room E, Education Centre, Junction Road, Stockton</p>	<p>GR</p>
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