



Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday 18th September 2012
09.00 - 12.00**

Venue: Room E, 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
Les Jones	Head of Community Safety, Cleveland Fire Brigade
Brett Bardsley	Team Manager, Safeguarding, SBC
Andrew Thomas	Performance Support Manager, SBC
Kevin Richards	Emergency Duty Team Manager, SBC
David Toor	Inspector Cleveland Police
Simon Edwards	Cleveland Police
Simon Walker	Cleveland Police
Pat Haslam	Head of Social Work and Mental Health, SBC
Janet Hayes	Commissioning Manager (Training) SBC
Christine Brown	Policy Lead Adult Safeguarding NHS Tees
Molly Taylor	Adult Safeguarding Specialist Nurse
Jeff Evans	Stockton Probation Service
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

Apologies:

Judy Womack Safeguarding, TEWV
 Glenda Adey Direct Health Care
 Alison Aguis Chief Executive, Catalyst
 Glyn Roberts Service Manager, SBC

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: 15th May 2012 Mick Walker was recorded as absent from the last meeting when he was in attendance. Minutes will be updated accordingly.	JD
4	Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liz provided an update regarding the QSF for care homes (following a presentation at the last meeting) and advised that site visits are almost complete and the information from service user questionnaires is being collated. Information will be shared with providers in due course. ▪ Sean advised that social workers and the fire service have been liaising regarding Stockton clients receiving O² therapy following the issues identified from the Redcar and Cleveland Serious Case Review. Client information will be collated and recorded in Care Director. ▪ Simon Edwards advised that Mandy Matthews will remain in post supporting the vulnerable adults' pilot. A training plan is in place for all other officers which will commence in April 2013. An interim report has been complete and will be forwarded to Jane at the appropriate time. The links between First Contact / The Emergency Duty Team and Mandy Mathews were acknowledged as being very positive. 	SE

5.	<p>Mencap Presentation</p> <p>Barbara Taylor presented information about the 'Stand by me' campaign for people with Learning Disabilities, which was circulated with the meeting papers. Both the campaign guide and policy statement is available to view on their website. It was noted that an increase in the number of calls to Mencap may be due to increased awareness of disability hate crime. Molly highlighted work that is ongoing with Mencap and the acute trust. The challenges in relation to people with Learning Disabilities in independent hospitals were acknowledged.</p>	
6.	<p>Victim Support Presentation</p> <p>Christine and Ian Goodman presented information about their volunteer based victim support service and their work in supporting victims of crime, which was circulated with the meeting papers. The information presented highlighted the ways the service can support victims by providing advice and support in order to build confidence and help individuals recover from the effects of crime. Funding arrangements were discussed and it was noted that the government funds 90% of the service, although this will move to a more local arrangement in due course. It was acknowledged that vulnerable adults who had been abused have difficulty pressing charges and may not get the required support from the CPS. Mick Walker outlined the plans for the implementation of the Witness Support Preparation and Profiling in Stockton, which is planned for later this year.</p>	
7	<p>Annual Report</p> <p>Paul described how Stockton's report will be incorporated into the Tees-wide annual report, which will also capture contributions from partners working across Tees. The report was reviewed by section:</p> <p>A short analysis was requested by Cllr Beall for activity statistics for 2011-12.</p>	PG

	<p>Sean offered reassurance the new management structure was effective in dealing with the safeguarding work and that the recent review of this new structure supports this.</p> <p>A discussion took place about the case scenario included in the report and whether this case would have had the same outcome if the perpetrator had not been known to the victim. Simon Walker explained the context of similar cases that take place within the family and that the case study was intended to demonstrate the positive outcomes that can be achieved in cases where abuse has occurred.</p> <p>Chris suggested that indentifying costs for future training would be helpful, particularly for the NHS and independent contractors. Chris will liaise with Janet outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Mental capacity information is included for completeness but had been presented to the Committee previously.</p> <p>A Keep Safe Project group has been created to take forward issues and recommendations that were raised at the Keep Safe Event in April. More advocates need to be trained in the use of the questionnaire in order for the remaining people with Learning Disabilities to be supported to complete the questionnaire. Mick Walker will be invited to the next Keep Safe Project meeting.</p> <p>Mick outlined the background to the Safe Place scheme that is already in place in some areas. The timescales for implementation in Stockton are to be clarified.</p> <p>Cllr Beall recommended a summary of issues discussed by the Committee should be included in the report.</p> <p>The extract from the DH National Adult Social Care outcome</p>	<p>CB / Janet H</p> <p>PG</p> <p>JD</p>
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	<p>framework regarding feeling safe were discussed. The results will be simplified in the Tees-wide report.</p>	MW
	<p>The revised report will be circulated with the meeting minutes.</p>	JD
9	<p>Winterbourne View Serious Case review</p> <p>The executive summary was circulated with the meeting papers for information. Paul informed the Committee that he and Glyn have reviewed the recommendations in relation to safeguarding activity in Stockton and have identified examples where multi-agency work has been effective.</p> <p>Chris outlined the sources of information available to the NHS in relation to out of area placements. An out of area protocol is also in place to support contract monitoring and care management reviews.</p> <p>Joint work is in progress between the Local Authority and the NHS to develop a Quality Assessment Framework for 24 hour settings. The NHS has reported to the Strategic Health Authority regarding this. Paul Williams has been identified as the Learning Disabilities Lead for the Clinical Commissioning Group.</p>	
10	<p>Caring for out future safeguarding consultations</p> <p>Jane spoke to the paper that was circulated with the meeting papers to determine the views of the Committee on how this power would work in practice. Pat outlined the current status of Approved Mental Health professionals in terms of rights of entry. There have not been any cases in the last 12 months where this proposed power for social workers would have been of benefit. Paul is linked into the Action on Elder Abuse consultation. Simon identified the possible application when proportionality would not justify action under PACE. This power is in place in Scotland and works operationally through informing people that this power exists. It was agreed that this additional power may be beneficial to be used as further</p>	

	leverage for practitioners. Paul and Liz will feed these comments into the consultation.	PG/LH
11.	<p>Protocol of arrangements between the Health and Well being Board, LSCB and SVAC</p> <p>This document, which has been developed by Ruth Hill in order to outline the current and proposed structures linked to the Health and Well being Partnership and Executive Board, is expected to be implemented in April 2013. Comments should be sent to Jane by 18th October 2012.</p>	All
12.	<p>Stay Safe and Warm Campaign</p> <p>This year's campaign will be launched on 2nd October 2012 at Abbey Hill Health Centre, Billingham. This campaign also links in with the warm homes, healthy people project in Stockton. Jane will be writing to partners across Tees to raise awareness on behalf of the Tees-wide Board. Caroline outlined work in progress to identify the families most at risk from the proposed welfare reforms. A seminar is also arranged for Stockton elected members on 18/10/12.</p>	JH
13	<p>SVAC Development Session</p> <p>The next Committee meeting has been extended to 4 hours and the following items will be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statutory nature of local / Tees-wide boards: options appraisal ▪ Links to Partnership Infrastructure Boards (H&Wb Board, SSP etc) ▪ Development of a board performance framework ▪ How quality assurance can be achieved across agencies and at least annual updates shared ▪ User / carer involvement options ▪ Working with new NHS structures e.g. Clinical Commissioning Group, Director of Public Health ▪ Agree SVAC work plan and link to Tees-wide business plan ▪ Agree themes for future meetings ▪ Workload and links to Tees-wide work streams 	

	Chris will represent the CCG at the event and will also invite a shadow CCG board member.	CB
14	<p>Tees-wide Business Manager Update</p> <p>Witness Support, Preparation and Profiling: A two day training course is planned for October 26 -29 prior to implementation of the project on 3rd December 2012.</p> <p>Mick continues to raise awareness on hate crime and recently worked with Inclusion North to facilitate a session with people with Learning Disabilities on hate crime in the Borough. Examples of good practice are currently being collated. Work with Teesside University with regard to undertaking some research on hate crime is currently being explored.</p> <p>Voluntary personal assistant registration scheme: The scheme presented to the Tees-wide board is costed at 3 levels. To be discussed further at the next Tees-wide directors' meeting.</p> <p>NHS Update</p> <p>Chris advised that the CCG authorisation is in progress and that governance arrangements regarding safeguarding need to be demonstrated. Interim guidance will be circulated to the SVAC chair by Ali Wilson and Paul Williams.</p> <p>The quality handover document includes quality profiles of provider organisations and will contain public health information.</p> <p>Training</p> <p>Janet will send safeguarding training information to Jo regarding safeguarding for circulation.</p>	
15.	<p>AOB</p> <p>No further business was discussed.</p>	
16.	<p>Meeting dates for 2013</p> <p>Provisional dates have been set as follows:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12th February 2012 ▪ 14th May 2012 ▪ 13 August 2012 ▪ 12 November 2012 <p>To take place in Room E, Education Centre 09:00 - 12:00</p>	
17.	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Development Session: 27th November 2012, 09:00 - 13:00, The Hall, Education Centre</p>	