



Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday 12th February 2013
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
Mike Cane	Detective Inspector, Cleveland Police
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
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 NHS Tees
Terry Elliott	First Contact Manager, SBC
Glyn Roberts	Service Manager, SBC
Parveen Mughal	Care Home Providers Representative

Martin Ansell	Business Support Manager, SBC
Margaret Brett	Lead Senior Nurse Safeguarding Adults
Jill Anderson	Service Manager
Apologies:	
Mick Walker	Business Manager, Tees-wide SVAB
Jeff Evans	Stockton Probation Service
Cllr Steve Nelson	Cabinet Member (Housing and Community Safety), SBC
Caroline Wood	Housing Options Manager, SBC
David Toor	Inspector, Cleveland Police
Cath Siddle	Director of Nursing
<i>Minutes taken by: Joanne Dickens</i>	

Agenda Item	Item	Action
1 & 2	Introductions and Apologies: Introductions were made and apologies accepted.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting: 18th September 2012 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.	
4	Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sean will check that the information regarding clients receiving oxygen therapy has been recorded on Care Director. ▪ Paul gave an update of work completed to date following recommendations as a result of the recent Winterbourne View report, making reference to issues relating to independent hospitals in the area. Stockton's position will be presented at May's Committee. Mike raised the issue regarding providers receiving good CQC reports and the impact of criminal investigations. ▪ Les updated the Committee on the stay safe and warm and campaign and highlighted a recent case study. The update will be circulated with the meeting minutes. 	SM
5.	SARC Presentation Sue Hayles, SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre) Manager gave an overview about the service. A copy of the presentation will be circulated with the minutes. Questions were raised and	

	answered in relation to financial challenges, male victims and how referrals are defined.	
6.	<p>Vulnerable Witness Support</p> <p>Claire Sills, Community Prevention and Katie Smith Victim Support, Anti Social Behaviour delivered a presentation on their service which highlighted the support they offer to both victims and perpetrators of anti social behaviour. The presentation will be circulated with the meeting minutes.</p>	
7.	<p>Witness Support Preparation Profile Update</p> <p>Jane provided an update in Mick's absence and advised that all staff will have completed the necessary training by mid March 2013 and that the test case is still ongoing with an expected court date of May 2013. A further update will be given at May's Committee. Questions were raised and answered in relation to links to children's support services and vulnerable adults, including vulnerable perpetrators.</p>	MW
8.	<p>Development Session</p> <p>The notes of the development session have been circulated to the Committee. The options paper has been discussed at TSVAB and each local SVAC. Although different options are preferred across Tees, there is still a preference to work the TSVAB into a statutory Board. Although Mick Walker will be leaving his current post, he will start the required work on this.</p>	
9.	<p>Performance Update</p> <p>Glyn and Andrew spoke to a briefing paper that was tabled at the meeting which incorporated safeguarding activity information. Tees information was presented at the TSVAB last week which will be taken into consideration for future reporting. Jim asked whether there is value in publishing information that cannot be compared in line with agreed criteria and asked if alerts could be added in to the comparator table.</p> <p>Glyn tabled an analysis of completed face to face safeguarding questionnaires and explained that the information relates to 37 returned surveys during the time period from September to date.</p>	GR/MA

	<p>This paper will be circulated with the meeting minutes. Clarification on the percentages recorded in the report were given, as Brett explained that there was a lead in time that had an effect on the overall numbers of people surveyed (as the process only started fully in December 2012). This process and information will be monitored on a quarterly basis. It was agreed that this is very good practice. Paul raised the Tees-wide plan to engage Victim Support to undertake user feedback work, which will be presented to a future TSVAB meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>Police update on local cases and outcomes</p> <p>Mike gave an update on local cases that have been prosecuted and that are currently under investigation. It was agreed that Liz and Mike will meet quarterly to look at cases and bring lessons learnt to the SVAC.</p>	LH
11.	<p>Police reorganisation</p> <p>Mike gave an update regarding the vulnerability unit restructure (the date of this is to be confirmed). Mike reassured the Committee that despite an expected reduction in officers, none will be lost from the Vulnerability Unit.</p>	
12.	<p>S44 MCA and Psychiatric assessment</p> <p>Mike raised the issue of the S44 MCA and Psychiatric assessment required to support prosecutions for wilful neglect. It was highlighted that capacity assessments will no longer be accepted unless undertaken by a psychiatrist. This was discussed at the Tees-wide Board. Liz, Chris and Mike will meet to develop a plan (TEWV expect this services to be commissioned via a service level agreement).</p>	LH/CB/ MC
13.	<p>QSF and Safeguarding Update</p> <p>Rob Papworth attended the Committee and gave a verbal update on progress regarding the QSF for care homes.</p> <p>Jane advised that she had not yet received a reply to a letter sent to Ali Wilson raising the issue of medication audits. Chris advised that although there is no change expected in the current process</p>	

	<p>in the new financial year, the plan for annual audits going forward needs to be reviewed. It was agreed that medication audits help to identify potential risk / problems throughout the system and the need for NHS Commissioners to act on identified risk relating to medication issues in 24 hour care settings. It was requested that this be looked at in the context of preventing safeguarding incidents and addressing risks.</p> <p>CQC monitoring processes regarding medication were also discussed.</p> <p>Janet informed the meeting that training plans are being implemented to ensure competence in relating to medication management.</p> <p>Jane will liaise with Ali regarding the issues raised.</p>	JH
14.	<p>Tees-wide Business Manager Update</p> <p>TSVAB Meeting held on 8th February 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prisons' update in relation to adult safeguarding was presented to TSVAB and prisons will now to be represented at the Board. - Presentation re Autism Alert Card given to TSVAB: training issues will be picked up by the training sub - group. <p>Adult Safeguarding and the NHS</p> <p>Chris advised that a quality surveillance group has been convened for Durham and Tees Valley following the publication of the Francis report. It was noted that the Francis report recommendations have significant implications for NHS commissioners and providers'. A briefing will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>The transition for MCA DoLS arrangements is expected to go smoothly and the authorisation processes for existing NHS cases from 01/04/13 will be clarified with the relevant people outside of</p>	CB

	<p>the meeting.</p> <p>Chris also confirmed that work is still ongoing regarding self neglect and safeguarding and will be reported into the TSVAB.</p> <p>Molly advised that awareness raising activity has been undertaken. Developments regarding access to healthcare facilities / appointments were outlined (e.g. pre-visits, appointment alerts).</p> <p>Margaret advised that TEWV is looking at recommendations of domestic abuse work and the Deciding Right issues. The Francis report and Winterbourne View recommendations are also being taken into consideration.</p> <p>Training Update</p> <p>Janet advised that a review of the SBC training programme has been undertaken. The challenges associated with multi disciplinary training were raised, as were the changes to the NHS training funding arrangements.</p>	
15.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The request for Jim Wingham (Chair of Tees Reference Group) to attend a future SVAC was agreed. - Jane will seek representation from Public Health and feedback. - Sean suggested that the induction DVD regarding adult and children's safeguarding be shown at the next Committee meeting. 	JH
16.	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 14th May at 9am, Music Room, Preston Park Museum, TS18 3RH</p>	