

Bulletin from Bolton Safeguarding Adults Board

Welcome to the third bulletin from the Bolton Safeguarding Adults Board. The Board is made up of leaders from a range of organisations such as Police, Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), providers of Health Care, Social Care, Housing, Voluntary Services and the Probation Services all of which have an interest in safeguarding adults at risk of abuse or neglect. The Board meets on a bi-monthly basis to ensure safeguarding practice is well-coordinated and meeting the needs of individuals subject to safeguarding procedures. The Board met on 26th September 2018 and the headlines from the meeting are as follows:

Peer Review

On the 26th September 2018 a Peer Review team from Liverpool came to Bolton to carry out a review on the Local Authority's Safeguarding process and to also look at the Safeguarding Adults Board.

A report will be sent out in two weeks following the Peer Review which will contain all the findings and recommendations of the review.

New Arrangements for Safeguarding Children

A report on progress towards the new arrangements for safeguarding children was presented at the Board. Whilst there is more work to do to shape the new arrangements, the Board agreed that we should work more closely with the children's Board and the Community safety Partnership.

The Board welcomed the changes and acknowledged that the landscape for safeguarding is changing, and it would be beneficial to be updated on the progress.

Pressure Ulcers and the Interface with a Safeguarding Enquiry

The task group involved in reviewing this document have recommendations that they would like to have the partnerships support:

1. Not to adopt the decision-making tool
2. Bolton FT to hold further decisions relating to category 3 & 4 pressure sores
3. Bolton CCG to adopt a similar process
4. Care homes & agencies to continue to report category 3 & 4 sores regardless of whether it is a safeguarding concern
5. The reporting process to be disseminated to all providers

Carers Rights Day – 30 November 2018

Carer's Rights Day will bring organisations across the UK together to help carers in their local community know their rights and find out how to get the help and support they are entitled to. Put the date in your diary!

Dates for
the Diary:

Safeguarding Adults Board Business Plan and Annual report

The Annual report highlights some significant achievements over the last year, and the business plan sets out our priorities for the next two years, which have been agreed following extensive consultation with all agencies, and with service-users. They reflect what we see as the key areas of work we need to maintain, improve or develop. We have included introductions from the three key agencies who make up the Safeguarding Adults Partnership; The Local Authority, The Police, and the Clinical Commissioning Group, but this document also reflects the key achievements by all agencies who make up the Safeguarding Adults Board.

The Business Plan for 2018-20 has been signed off by the board. The key 5 priorities for the Board over the next 2 years are;

1. Ensure our safeguarding processes are effective
2. Embed making safeguarding personal into all service delivery across the partnership
3. Improve Engagement with Service-Users and the wider community to promote Safeguarding
4. Workforce Development and Effective Practice
5. Strengthen collaboration between our Safeguarding Boards and the Community Safety Partnership.

DoLs Briefing – New Legislation

On 3 July 2018, a Bill to amend the Mental Capacity Act was put to House of Lords for a first reading. The Bill is the culmination of a project by the Law Commission to review the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards ("**DOLS**"), which were introduced in 2007. In March 2017, the Law Commission published its final recommendations and earlier this year the Government responded that the "*current DOLS system should be replaced as a matter of pressing urgency.*" DOLs will be replaced by a new administrative scheme known as the Liberty Protection Safeguards ("**LPS**"). Under the LPS, the 'responsible body' for authorising a deprivation of liberty depends upon where the cared-for person is residing. This is a significant departure from the DOLS, where responsibility always falls to the Local Authority as the supervisory body.