

Bulletin from Bolton Safeguarding Adults Board

Welcome to the second 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 18th July 2018 and the headlines from the meeting are as follows:

What is a Safeguarding Adults Review?

A Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) is a process for all partner agencies to identify the lessons that can be learned from particularly complex or serious safeguarding adults cases, where an adult in vulnerable circumstances has died or been seriously injured, and abuse or neglect has been suspected.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)

The panel have given their formal recommendations to the chair of the Board, with the recommendation that a case recently reviewed is progressed to a full SAR. The Board is in the process of commissioning an independent author.

National Probation's Audit: Regarding Safeguarding Adults

A report has been completed within Wigan cluster, with 150 cases looked at throughout borough. The Audit has helped to identify where there may be a need for further training around safeguarding, and it has also given a opportunity to look at how the Probation service can extract data that will help support the Adult Board. Within the audit there was evidence of good working together and overall a positive piece of work. Well done Probation!

Herbert Protocol Feedback from Event

Following from the Herbert Protocol Session that took place on Wednesday 27th June, it was a good piece of partnership working between the Safeguarding Adults Board, Public Health, Greater Manchester Police, and Greater Manchester Mental Health. The event was very well attended by professionals of different types, volunteers, and carers.

Please continue to spread the news of the new protocol, all information can be found following the link below.

<http://www.gmp.police.uk/live/nhoodv3.nsf/triage-category?ReadForm&I2=86365&I3=40081>

Training

A standardised approach to Level 1 safeguarding training has been approved by the board. Work is currently being undertaken with agencies to ensure that the training is correctly mapped and meets the needs for all agencies, to provide introductory Safeguarding training for their staff.

Women Offender Strategy

In June 2018 the Government launched the Woman Offender Strategy. The female offender strategy sets out a commitment to divert lower risk women in the criminal justice system away from custody through the provision of tailored support.

The Government wants to see more use of Community Sentences for women rather than short custodial sentences, as reoffending rates following prison sentences are too high. There are indications that those who do not have custodial sentences have better outcomes than those who do, and prison sentences for women also have a profound impact on their children.

Further information can be found by following the below link;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/female-offender-strategy>

Business Plan Development

The business plan is currently out for consultation with board members. Following this consultation the exec group will then progress how the plan will be delivered.

The final business plan will be signed off at the Board meeting in September 2018.

World World Suicide Prevention day - 10th September

The World Health Organisation estimates that about one million people around the world die by suicide every year. There are people all over the world who feel so low that suicide seems like the only way out. But there is always another way – and we can tackle it together!

