

Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board

Board Briefing September 2018



Welcome to the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board briefing. The last Board meeting was held on Monday the 3rd September 2018, and attended by over 15 members from organisations working with adults with care and support needs in the city. This briefing will give you an update of the topics discussed. If you have any comments please contact us SAB@brighton-hove.gov.uk

What is a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)?

The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adult Board (B&H SAB) is a group of statutory, private, voluntary, and independent organisations across Brighton & Hove who work together to empower and protect some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Our purpose is to raise awareness and promote the welfare of vulnerable adults by the development of an effective co-operative. We are committed to ensuring that the work done effectively brings about good outcomes for adults so that people live safe and secure lives.

We have three core duties we must do in order to fulfil our statutory requirements:

1. Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how we will meet our

- objectives and how our member and partner agencies will contribute
2. Publish an annual report detailing how effective our work has been
 3. Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria for these

For more information on the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board see our [website](#).

Feedback from Leadership Group

The Leadership group brings together all the chairs of the LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children Board) and SAB subgroups. The meeting helps chairs stay on top of their workplans and hear about the progress of the work being done in other subgroups. Updates are then shared at both board meetings. This helps the boards to remain alert to any emerging threats and risks to the safety and well-being of children, young people, and adults with care and support needs in the city. It also helps both boards drive forward their business plans.

The Leadership group last met on the 30th July, where the group updated on plans to undertake a scoping exercise, to see whether the local offers to support children and adults who have suffered psychological trauma are fit for purpose.

We also heard about changes nationally in Community Rehabilitation Companies, but were assured that Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company are one of the better performing rehabilitation companies.

Safeguarding Data

Twice yearly, the board's Quality Assurance Officer presents safeguarding data from the two most recent quarters. We use this data to assess the

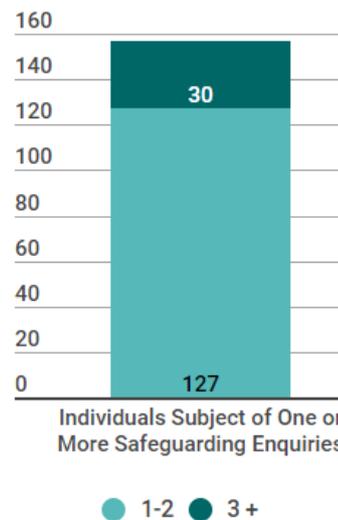
effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements in the city, and as a tool to set our strategic priorities.

At the September meeting, data from Quarters 3 & 4 was presented. The main issues highlighted from this data were;

Repeat Referrals

157 adults were the subject of one of more safeguarding enquiries. Of these, 30 adults were the subject of three or more referrals.

We keep an eye on this because we want to make sure people are safeguarded properly at the earliest opportunity.



Homelessness Data

We have been keeping an eye on the number of homeless deaths in the city. In 17/18, the number of deaths of clients of commissioned homeless services, was 11 in accommodation, and 2 rough sleeping. The total number of clients supported by commissioned homeless services in this period was 1192.

Improved recording of homeless deaths is being developed.

Police data & translation into enquiries

Data provided by Sussex Police was also reviewed, including the number of VAAR (Vulnerable Adult at Risk referrals) in 17/18. A VAAR should be completed for every safeguarding concern, with enough information to allow specialist teams and the Local Authority to act. The Quality Assurance subgroup felt there was a mismatch between the number of VAAR and section 42 safeguarding enquiries. We are looking into this.

VVE Strategy

The board heard about the newly developed VVE (Violence, Vulnerability & Exploitation) Strategy.

An action plan has also been drafted, which looks at both preventing vulnerable adults from being exploited, and extricating those who already are. The action plan also looks at enforcement, communication, and data analysis. Work on this is ongoing.

The LSCB and SAB have produced two briefings for professionals to raise awareness of Vulnerability, Violence and Exploitation (VVE). There is a shorter briefing to introduce VVE issues to staff, and a longer briefing with fuller details for professionals. You can access both briefings [here](#).

Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation (VVE) describes what happens when **County Lines** drug dealers, who are gangs involved in organised crime, use children and other vulnerable people through **Criminal Exploitation, Sexual Exploitation and Cuckooing**.

Information Sharing & GDPR

The board has been seeking clarification on how its activities are affected by the new [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#) legislation. The [Care Act 2014](#) gives SABs a legal obligation to undertake quality assurance and review activities. The act also outlines how a SAB may request data and information from partner agencies in order to undertake this activity. The board has a lawful basis for processing data under the various sections of the GDPR. We heard that this is in line with other safeguarding boards. The board will update its policy statement to reflect this. Once this is complete, the board will ask partners to ensure their own organisations' policies also reflect this.

MCA Competency Framework

The Learning & Development group have recommended that all partners adopt [the National Mental Capacity Act \(MCA\) Competency Framework](#). The framework is designed to be used by managers and staff in all agencies, and outlines standards from basic awareness up to a more robust framework for specialised staff.

The framework also contains guidance such as flowcharts and definitions, in addition to links to training resources.

The board agreed to adopt the framework. In 2019 we will be testing how well our partners have used the framework to better assess mental capacity.



Annual Report

The board agreed to approve the SAB Annual Report for 2017-18. The report covers the board's progress against the priorities outlined in our business plan and against actions from audit activity and case reviews. The report also includes an overview of the board's finances and shares the achievements and objectives of our partner agencies. The report will be published later this autumn.

Safeguarding Week

The LSCB in partnership with colleagues from the Safeguarding Adult Board and Safe in the City, are running a number of training events aimed at supporting staff to protect children, young people, and adults with care and support needs.

The week-long series of events kicks off on **Monday 26th November 2018** with a Pan Sussex LSCB Conference. This exciting one day conference will include a

range of keynote speakers presenting on a variety of adolescent focused topics including contextual safeguarding, suicide prevention, consent and transition to Adult Services. The week culminates with an interactive workshop exploring professional difference and challenge.

You can read more about the events [here](#).

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Upcoming Meetings

We next meet on 3 December. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this briefing or if you have a topic you would like raised at the SAB please contact [Mia Brown](#).

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| Monday 3 rd December | 3-5pm | Room G70 , Hove Town Hall |
| Monday 18 th March | 3-5pm | Council Chamber , Hove Town Hall |
| Monday 24 th June | 3-5pm | Council Chamber , Hove Town Hall |

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