

Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board

Yearly Round Up 2018



This year has been a busy one for Brighton & Hove Adults Safeguarding Board. In our final newsletter of 2018 we reflect on the work of the safeguarding partnership over the past 12 months and look ahead to the coming year...

What we've been doing

The Board met four times in 2018. You can read more about each meeting in our Board Briefings which you can find [here](#), along with minutes of the meetings, Highlights include;

Responding to Homelessness

Through referrals into our Safeguarding Adult Review Subgroup, we remain alert to concerns about homelessness as a safeguarding issue. We recognise that changes in practice and service provision which have resulted from our activity will take time to embed. This year we have been much better sighted on the number of homeless deaths in the city. We plan to continue our focus in 2019.

Multi-agency Safeguarding Data Reporting & Analysis

We have developed and strengthened the way we use safeguarding data from the local authority and SAB partner agencies to assess the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements in Brighton & Hove and to inform how we set our strategic priorities.

We have:

- Identified trends in data, for example a relatively low proportion of organisational abuse enquiries and made recommendations for improvements in the way enquiries are recorded.
- Established a process for reporting on repeat safeguarding referrals, including analysis of case studies to identify learning outcomes.

- Established a mechanism for reporting on homeless deaths in the city.

Impact of PIP and ESA

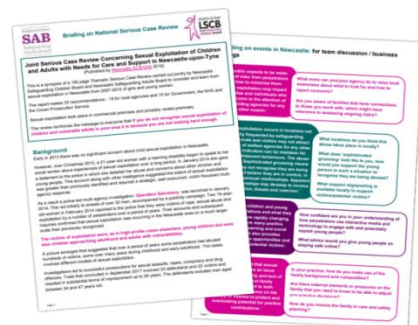
At our March meeting, Healthwatch presented their report on the impact of PIP/ESA assessments, which contained some first-hand stories of clients' experiences of PIP/ESA assessments and highlighted a number of impacts on applicants – physically, mentally and financially. The report recommended; improved training for assessors, that reasonable adjustments are provided, and the scrutiny of mandatory reconsiderations - a fully independent re-assessment with a clear rationale given behind any new decision. We shared the concerns raised in the sobering report and raised these with the appropriate bodies to seek assurance that the issues are being addressed.



You can read the report [here](#).

Exploitation

In February 2018 Newcastle LSCB and SAB published a joint review concerning the sexual exploitation of 700 victims, including children, in Newcastle between 2007 and 2015. We published a short [briefing](#) for practitioners to help them understand what the review found and to support their practice.



The review identified 33 recommendations for the NHS, Crown Prosecution Service and government, and another 15 for safeguarding boards. The learning from this review does not only apply to Newcastle. We know that exploitation does happen in Brighton & Hove and in such instances we work closely with and support partners to make sure it is recognised and dealt with as an absolute priority. We have been devising a local action plan in response to the Newcastle review to influence and shape local services.

Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

No Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) were published this year, but we have been progressing actions from the SAR we published in 2017 ([SAR X](#))

You can read more about what has changed as a result of these reviews, on

pages 23 & 24 of our Annual Report

This year we commissioned a learning review looking at safeguarding services provided to a local adult with care and support needs. The client was known to multiple agencies, both statutory and community-based projects. Similar in theme to X SAR, this review looks specifically at learning disability, mental health and substance misuse services. A report detailing the learning from this review will be made available in early 2019.

Annual Report 2017-18

At the September meeting, the board approved our 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.



You can read the report in full or by section, and find past year's reports, on the [Annual Reports page](#) of the SAB website.

Learning from Quality Assurance Activity

Multi-agency Audit: Sexual Abuse

In 2018 the SAB considered a report of the 2017 multi-agency audit of Sexual Abuse and developed an action plan and learning briefing:

Recommendations and actions included:

- Agencies to review their needs and risk assessment procedures to improve how clients are supported to disclose sexual abuse and exploitation.
- Improved awareness of the referral process for specialist sexual abuse support services including SARC and Survivors' Network.
- Agencies to consider how a 'trauma informed approach' might be used to improve support to clients

- Awareness raising in agencies supporting people who are street homeless about specialist support organisations

The SAB will continue to monitor progress in implementing the action plan. You can read more from this audit [here](#).



Multi-agency Audit: Mental Capacity Act

In November 2018 a wide range of agencies participated in a multi-agency audit of safeguarding cases that involved issues around mental capacity. The findings from this audit will be considered in 2019. We will develop an action plan and ensure that learning outcomes are implemented.

Next year we will be undertaking a multi-agency audit to assess how agencies apply the Making Safeguarding Personal approach to safeguarding adults.

Meetings in 2019

We meet next on the 18th March 2019. 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 [email us](#). Calendar appointments for September and December will be circulated shortly.

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Monday 18 th March | 3-5pm | Council Chamber , Hove Town Hall |
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| Monday 24 th June | 3-5pm | Council Chamber , Hove Town Hall |

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