

7. Summary of Achievements

- We have continued to learn from reviews of practice. Progress on actions from our local reviews and quality assurance activity is positive, with tangible changes to local safeguarding practice readily evidenced.
- As a result of our quality assurance activity there has been a review of city's Multi-Agency forums for discussing complex cases, and agreement that for homeless clients there should be a robust risk management plan developed by a lead agency.
- Also as a result of quality assurance activity, all partner agencies have been considering their needs and risk assessment procedures and support policies to assess the effectiveness of:
- Existing guidance provided to staff on:
 - recognising indicators of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation
 - supporting clients to disclose sexual abuse and exploitation
 - responding to disclosures
 - the specialist agencies available for referrals
- We have made some very real progress on advancing our ambition to develop a multi-agency suite of safeguarding information.
- We have developed an Information Sharing Protocol, Constitution and Memorandum of Understanding which better support us to carry out our statutory functions.
- The strategic safeguarding self-assessment and subsequent challenge events have provided us with a fantastic opportunity to properly scrutinise partner compliance with safeguarding duties, responsibilities and ethos.
- Through our structured multi-agency auditing we have been able to test whether partner agencies are delivering safeguarding outcomes that reflect the choices and expectations of clients.
- We have tested, and are assured, that all agencies have briefing and awareness mechanisms that inform staff of emerging local and national developments regarding the protection and support of vulnerable adults. This is vital to effective safeguarding.
- We are fully sighted on our partners' safeguarding training needs and gaps, and better able to monitor and scrutinise their progress.

8. Summary of Challenges

- Part-time business support has limited progress against some priority areas.
- As a priority in 2018-19, we will be assuring ourselves that all relevant agencies are achieving and maintaining the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Gold Standards
- Similarly, we need to improve our mechanisms for assuring that the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) are embedded and effective within and across relevant agencies, and that communication regarding adults who are under a deprivation of liberty is effective as they move from setting to setting.
- We need to better assure ourselves that safeguarding practice across the partnership is consistently person-centred and outcome-focused.
- We are not currently able to evidence that we are enabling independent living.
- We need to develop a complex abuse protocol which will ensure that agencies work together seamlessly in all safeguarding enquires
- Unavoidable capacity issues led to the delays in the development of a Pan-Sussex Self-Neglect Procedure. This will addressed as a priority in 2018-19.

- We have not had an opportunity to test that each agency has methods to gather feedback from clients on the outcomes of the service they have provided, and that this feedback then informs policy, procedure and practice.
- Changes in legislation around child safeguarding delayed our attempts to agree a Partnership Protocol between the SAB, LSCB, Safe in the City Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Children, Family and Skills Committee.

