

# Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board

## Board Briefing June 2018



Welcome to the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board briefing. The last Board meeting was held on Monday the 25th June 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](mailto:SAB@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

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### 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](#).

## Newcastle Serious Case Review / Safeguarding Adult Review

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



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 the exploitation of vulnerable people 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. A working group, chaired by the Independent Chairperson of the SAB, will examine learning from this review to influence and shape local services



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### Trauma Review

Local serious case and safeguarding adult reviews have provided us with an opportunity to consider how well local services are set up to recognise and respond to children and adults who have suffered trauma.

We agreed to commission a piece of work across both safeguarding boards which examines local trauma informed approaches, service provision and pathways.

The Local Safeguarding Children Board Learning & Development Officer, with support from colleagues across the city, has been busy over the last few months developing specialist training to support practitioners to recognise trauma responses and to better understand resilience and post traumatic growth in themselves and the people they work with. You can read more and book your place [here](#)

Health and Adult Social Care are currently working on a trauma training package, which should be available this Winter

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## Local Review

An independent reviewer has been engaged to undertake a local review to explore the effectiveness of the multi-agency safeguarding response to a local adult with care and support needs. A learning briefing will be published upon completion.

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## Sexual Abuse

The Board has recently commissioned a multi-agency audit to examine safeguarding responses to adults who had experienced sexual assault or abuse. The audit was led by the Strategic Commissioner, Joint Domestic, Sexual Violence & Abuse and Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG) Unit and a Detective Inspector from Sussex Police.

The audit looked at four cases involving adults who had experienced sexual abuse. All four adults included in the audit had multiple or complex support needs.

The audit focussed on the following:

- How safeguarding concerns were identified
- Professionals' understanding of sexual abuse, and extent of professional curiosity
- How risks were assessed and identified risk including how historical concerns were considered
- Information sharing and joint agency working
- Management oversight/supervision

The Board heard about what is working well and what needs to improve. We agreed the report's recommendations.

You can read more about this work and what actions are being taken forward as a result [here](#).

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## Threshold Document & Whole Family Working Strategy

The Head of Service: Early Years, Youth, & Family Support, BHCC attended the Board to present the LSCBs Threshold Document and Whole Family Working Strategy

The purpose of the Whole Family Working Strategy is to agree a collective commitment that whole family working and early help is the responsibility of everyone who works with children and families. The aim of the strategy is to transform services to improve outcomes for vulnerable families and reduce the demand for high cost services. You can find the documents and interactive thresholds document [here](#).

The threshold Document is part of the LSCB Business Plan, and outlines:

- how professionals should in the first instance offer help and encouragement to children and young families to find their own solutions, offering support when needed.
- that professionals should look to themselves and families for solutions and enable children and families to build upon the strengths
- the criteria, including the level of need, for when a case should be referred to local authority children's social care for assessment and or for statutory services



Although the documents are LSCB branded, they focus on 'whole family' and are also applicable for adults agencies. We endorsed the use of these documents by our partners to improve outcomes for children and families.

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## **Allegations Against People In Positions of Trust**

The Care Act statutory guidance sections 14.120 through to 14.132 covers Allegations Against People in a Position of Trust.

Within the Local Authority Health and Adult Social Care directorate oversight of positions of trust is provided by the Professional Standards Safeguarding and Quality Monitoring Team. Operational advice/guidance for practitioners/partners and employers is provided on a case by case basis and information shared between partners; however it should be noted that this is not an Operational 'role' within adult social care as it is in Children's Services (statutory Local Authority Designated Officer LADO role).

Board partners were reminded that the Care Act 2014 advises they have policies for dealing with allegations against people who work, in either a paid or unpaid capacity, with adults with care and support needs. Such policies should make a clear distinction between an allegation, a concern about the quality of care or practice or a complaint. We considered developing a multi-agency protocol for managing allegations/concerns about individuals who work or volunteer with adults, with care and support needs, similar to that used in the East Sussex SAB.

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## Participation & Engagement Strategy

Now that our Participation & Engagement Subcommittee is a joint group with the Safeguarding Adults Board, we have developed a Joint LSCB & SAB Communication & Engagement Strategy for 2018 – 2021. This can be read [here](#).

Both Boards have a responsibility to support the general public, as well as professionals, to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of residents in the city.

Over the rest of the year we intend to promote locally with the public how to make arrangements for if capacity is lost, i.e. power of attorney. We will also be raising awareness of abuse and neglect amongst local businesses. A briefing which sets out some practice principles to support effective safeguarding of adults with personality disorders is also in development.



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## Upcoming Meetings

We next meet on 3 September. 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](#). Calendar appointments for March and June 2019 will be circulated shortly

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	3-5pm	<b>Council Chamber</b> , Hove Town Hall
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	3-5pm	<b>Council Chamber</b> , Hove Town Hall
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	3-5pm	<b>Council Chamber</b> , Hove Town Hall
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	3-5pm	<b>Council Chamber</b> , Hove Town Hall



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