



## Summary Minutes

**North Tyneside and Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board**

**Date: 24.06.20**  
**Venue: via Teams**

**Please note these are not full Board minutes, but a summary of discussions, matters considered, and decisions made.**

### **SAB Recovery/Strategic Plan 2020-21**

The draft SAB Recovery/Strategic Plan was presented to the Board for consideration. This includes ongoing work carried over from last year, and new work on the current priorities. The plan also includes a Covid Recovery section, which will be a priority for the SAB this year. Partners were asked to review and comment on the plan, which should be informed by the priorities and the key areas of work identified by the SAB partnership.

### **SAB Risk Register**

The draft SAB Risk Register was presented to the Board for consideration. It was agreed some variations would be made to the Register based on comments from Board members. It was noted there has been a good response from partners, who have provided timely contributions to the risk register. The register will be reviewed quarterly and presented to the SAB.

### **Performance Subgroup Reports – Q4 and Safeguarding Trends**

The Board considered the Q4 Performance report which included some trend information as previously requested. This was positively received by meeting members. A discussion took place regarding the key highlights referred to in the report.

The Performance leads informed the Board they have started to look at comparing safeguarding data with other Local Authorities within the region to identify themes. This work is to be progressed and will be reported on at a later meeting.

### **Covid 19 Safeguarding Adults and Insight Project – request for data**

The Board were advised about the work of the National Insights project, led by ADASS and LGA, who are currently collating local and national learning from COVID. They are currently requesting that SABs provide relevant data to inform this and identify emerging themes.

It was both areas would provide their data to the Project by the end of July.

### **DHSC letter to Safeguarding Adult Board Chairs**

The Board was advised that the Department of Health and Social Care has written to all SAB and Chairs to confirm that safeguarding adult statutory requirements continue to apply. However due to Covid, SAB's and SAB Chairs can exercise some discretion in relation to their statutory duties. In terms of the Annual Report and Strategic plan, there is the potential to delay publication, and/or reduce the content. With regards to SARs there is the potential to increase the timescales. The correspondence notes that any gaps or delays should be addressed as soon as is practicably possible, and that SABs should determine if the local challenges of the pandemic constitute a good reason. It was noted at the current time the SAB is continuing to meet its statutory requirements.

### **Partner Annual Report template**

For the purposes of the Annual report, the Board were advised that we will be writing to partners to request contributions to the report. It has been agreed that this year's Annual report may be a more streamlined and shorter version, due to the current circumstances and demands. Partners are encouraged to provide details of key highlights and learning.

### **The following information was shared with the Board:**

#### **Strategic/Annual Plan 2019-20**

The Board agreed to sign this plan off and it was noted that any outstanding work has been carried over to the 2020-21 plan.

#### **SAFE week**

It was noted that SAFE Week is usually held in September across North Tyneside and Northumberland. The Board discussed and agreed moving this event to November, in line with National Safeguarding week. This would be a joint approach with Children's Services..

#### **Just Say app**

The Board were advised that the Just SAY app is to be launched in the next few months, which will provide accessible information and advice to 16-21-year olds.

The purpose of the app is to increase young adult's awareness and understanding of local services, that can help provide support with issues that can impact upon their safety and wellbeing. This is being launched in Northumberland, and support was requested from partners to promote the app, and circulate the resources and materials as widely as possible.

#### **LGA/ADASS –Covid 19 and Safeguarding Adults issues 'coming out of lockdown'**

The Board considered the LGA/ADASS document which outlines issues and risks the Safeguarding Adults Board should be aware of, and which may inform our risk register and recovery plans. The document focuses on potential safeguarding issues that may arise once the Covid-19 pandemic crisis subsides and how SABs manage subsequent issues relating to the easing of lockdown. The document was produced to help SABs identify key areas of consideration in relation to safeguarding, actions that have been taken to mitigate risk for others to learn from, and further actions that SABs may want to consider within their own business planning as the lockdown rules are eased. It is a source of information.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

For further information about the Safeguarding Adults and the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board please see:

Northumberland:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Care/Support/Safeguarding.aspx>

North Tyneside:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1033/safeguarding-adults>

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## Glossary of Abbreviations

ASC	Adult Social Care
BG	Business Group
BIA	Best Interest Assessor
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CRC	Community Rehabilitation Company
CVS	Community Voluntary Sector
CYPL	Children, Young People and Learning
DASM	Designated Adults Safeguarding Manager
DoL	Deprivation of Liberty
GMC	General Medical Council
HWWB	Health Well Being Board
IMR	Independent Management Review
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer
LD	Learning Disability
LSCB	Local Safeguarding Children's Board
NCC	Northumberland County Council
NEPO	North East Purchasing Organisation
NHCFT	Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
NTC	North Tyneside Council
NTW	Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
NPS	National Probation Service
QAF	Quality Assessment Framework
QSG	Quality Surveillance Group
SAB	Safeguarding Adults Board
SAR	Safeguarding Adults Review
SARC	Safeguarding Adults Review Committee
SE	Sexual Exploitation
T&F	Task and Finish
WDG	Workforce Development Group