

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

Subject: Updates from the Safeguarding Children's Partnership (SCP) and the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).

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1. Brief Update

- 1.1 The four partnerships and boards work closely to share information and strengthen priorities across Adults, Children, Community Safety and Health and Wellbeing partnerships.
- 1.2 The table below provides a brief outline of the key items of business discussed at the last Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) Delivery Group and the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).

SCP Delivery Group date:	Key issues
Safeguarding Adults Board – 24th January 2024	Key agenda items
Safeguarding Adult Review ‘George’	The SAR ‘George’ report was shared along with the findings and recommendations. Themes from this SAR included domestic, intergenerational abuse, coercion and control, multi agency co-ordination and risk assessment. The SAR report and updated learning briefing have been published and are available to view at this link Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (lbdd.gov.uk) The actions and learning will be overseen by the SAR Committee going forward.
BD One Panel	It was proposed that a BD One Panel be implemented which will take referrals for all Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Children’s Safeguarding Learning Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) using the current criteria. This will be an opportunity to co-ordinate all reviews and learning across all the three partnerships. All partners agreed. There will be monthly meetings and chairing will be shared across partners in 6 monthly blocks.
Neglect & Self Neglect Practice Work	Angela D’Urso spoke about the neglect improvement work and that we are looking to undertake some practice work around neglect and self neglect across Children’s, Adults and partners services to get a deeper understanding in this area. It is proposed that there is a shared learning event held in April and practice work/week in April/May. Partners were asked to support this work and input where necessary. This may include attendance at a learning event or joint work to look at services, specific cases or information. Partners were asked to consider where might be useful to visit and what mechanisms might need to be included from external organisations perspective.
CQC Inspection Update	Joanne Starkie gave an update. Inspections have started and the CQC are announcing three new inspections per week. The improvement plan has been published on the Council’s website at this link Plans and Strategies in Adult Social Care London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (lbdd.gov.uk) It is likely that

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	<p>inspectors will want to interview the Independent Chair and other partners. The recent staff feedback sessions showed that Social Workers were positive about SARs and learning but more clarity might be required around the type of approach we take e.g. reflective, investigative or strengths based/appreciative enquiry approach. It might be helpful for us to reflect on the approach and how we communicate this when we discuss the learning from SARs.</p>
London Safeguarding Voice (LSV)	<p>The London Safeguarding Voices (LSV) group brings together people with lived experience of safeguarding from across London borough. HealthWatch Kingston are contracted by the London SAB via the London Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (London ADASS) to co-ordinate the LSV. HealthWatch Kingston has worked with local Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Chairs and Managers and local Healthwatch organisations to identify a range of local representatives with lived experience of safeguarding. This initiative supports the London SAB to ensure its work is co-produced and more person-centred. It is a safe space for people with lived experience of safeguarding and gives people an opportunity to give direct feedback to SABs. There may be opportunity to see if anyone is interested in the role via the Care Providers Voice Forum.</p>
Learning from Persons in a Position of Trust (PIPOT) cases	<p>Liana Kotze gave an overview of PIPOT and the duties under Care Act, to manage allegations of people in a position of trust. Two cases have been referred via the process in the last year. The cases have been reviewed and discussed to appropriately and proportionately managing the risks. Neither case went to a full PIPOT. However, the most recent case was referred through the PIPOT process and also investigated by the Metropolitan Police's Economic Crimes unit. Although this case did not reach the threshold for a full PIPOT there were a number of learning points from the case around protecting vulnerable people, informal carers, financial abuse and Lasting Power of Attorney. A learning briefing will be developed and there may need to be some joint work with voluntary sector organisations such as Age UK, Carers of B&D and the ILA to ensure people know how to protect themselves.</p>
SAR Committee Update	<p>Two cases have been reviewed and discussed at the SAR Committee based on NELFT Serious Incident Report referrals. Scoping documents were gathered for further information from all partners to allow the Committee to decide whether they met the criteria for a SAR. These cases did not meet the criteria but for one of the cases a learning briefing was produced to support system wide learning. This can be accessed here https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/adult-health-and-social-care/barking-and-dagenham-safeguarding-adults-board/system-wide</p>

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Performance and Assurance Committee Update	The quarter 2 data and presentation was circulated. Vikki raised that the data set is very LA top heavy although we do get health data and some Police data. Much of the Police data is BCU wide and cannot be broken down by borough. A P&QA workshop will be held to develop next steps around the quality assurance work.
Safeguarding Adults Complex Cases Group	The meeting has been reviewing and managing the risks around one particularly complex case of a family. Partners involved include the NHS, Probation Services, Adult Care and Support, the Police, NELFT Mental Health Services and Housing Tenancy Services. A Multi Agency Professionals meeting has taken place outside of the Complex Cases Group to agree decisions to support the family and manage the risks. The case will be brought back to the next meeting for an update on the actions.