



Chairs Report

Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board (CESAB)

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Introduction

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to give a brief overview of activities, local and national to members since the last meeting of the CESAB. It is an opportunity to align work across the partnership and avoid duplication and review gaps.

2. National News and Issues

National Network of Safeguarding Adult Board Chairs (NSABC)

I am the Chair of NSABC. This group is made up of Chairs of SABs across England. The group meets quarterly and is supported by ADASS and the LGA. The group is also a member of the ADASS safeguarding policy group and Department of Health (DH) Adult Safeguarding Leadership Group. Some of the topics discussed are as follows:

Financial Abuse and Scams Guidance for councillors, directors, managers and social work practitioners

NSABC, ADASS and National Trading Standards (NTS) have developed a guide to give key information on the effects of scams on the continued health and wellbeing of individuals, which is essential for all those working in the adult social care sector to be aware of. The guidance is divided into sections to address the following specific roles:

- Councillors
- Safeguarding Adults Boards
- Health & Wellbeing Boards
- Practitioners

The document is due for publication in June 2017 and a link will be added to the next edition of this report.

Quality Surveillance Groups

NHS England is conducting a review of Quality Surveillance Groups and has been interested to see how they relate to SABs.

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

The Local Government Association (LGA) has just updated guidance for lead councilors re MSP. ADASS has sent a short survey to Directors of Adults Social Care as to how they are implementing MSP. A report will be ready for dissemination by June 2017. A National framework for performance monitoring MSP is also being explored. The network feels that MSP should be seen as a principle integrated into strategic plans rather than a separate issue and make it more a "golden thread" relevant to each priority.

Establishing Joint Boards

The network has drafted a paper discussing the establishment of joint boards across a number of areas. The purpose of the paper is to allow people to draw out the issues rather than recommending a particular course of action and to help decision-making.

The Impact Of Safeguarding Adult Boards Being Made Statutory

The NSABC has conducted a survey to assess the impact of the implementation of the Care Act 2014 on SABs and to capture the effects of making SABs statutory. This is part of a sector led improvement initiative (within the Care and Health Improvement Programme at the Local Government Association) designed to inform the Department of Health and other stakeholders about the progress of SABs, the impact of the Care Act 2014, and to support further development of SABs. The final report will be published by the LGA in June 2017.

Skills for Care

Skills for Care are working with the National Network of SABs to develop a competency framework and guidance for SAB chairs.

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

The Department of Health has commissioned SCIE to develop a National Depository for Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

3. REGIONAL ISSUES

Pan Cheshire SAB Chairs Meeting and Northwest SABs Chairs Network

There are two regional groups that meet quarterly. Firstly there is the Pan Cheshire Chairs Network made up of the Chairs of Cheshire East, Cheshire West, Halton and Warrington. Secondly, there is the Northwest SAB Chairs Network, a more formal group Chaired by Shirley Williams the Chair of Warrington SAB.

Pan Cheshire SAB Chairs Meeting

This Group meets informally to discuss issues that affect safeguarding adults across Cheshire and explore intelligence and opportunities for collaborative working.

Northwest SABs Chairs Network

This group is made up of the Chairs across the Northwest. It meets quarterly and alternate meetings are held with members of the Northwest Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) Safeguarding Policy Network. Topics discussed include the development of sub-regional boards and applying National policy developments to the Northwest region.

4. LOCAL ISSUES

The Partnership Chairs Group

The group met on Friday 27th March 2017 and discussed the following issues:

- Proposed Priorities/Plans 2017-18: The group discussed priorities for 2017-18 and agreed pan-partnership priority areas such as
- Budget Position for 2017-18: We shared budget position for 2017-18 and discuss any areas of possible shared expenditure in the future.

- Inspections / Peer Challenges / Audits: We discussed latest position and findings from inspections, peer challenges and audits.
- Risks and Issues: The Group reviewed risks or issues that need to be highlighted and monitored across boards we agreed we consider adapting children risk register methodology.
- Sub-Regional Developments: We reviewed, Sub-regional activity and had an update on Devolution and coloration. We also discussed any sub regional developments relevant to all partnerships.

The Review of the CESAB and it's Subgroups

At the last CESAB meeting we appraised the work of the board and how effective it was. We reviewed the board's priorities and objectives and spent time discussing how we enable the board and it's subgroups to operate more effectively to its priorities. The outputs from this work have been written up in time to be discussed with the peer review team in May. This includes:

- Reviewing the current strategic plan and priorities
- Developing a sustainable way of measuring performance
- Linking with LSAB and other boards
- Acting on the recommendations of the Peer Review (scheduled for May)

Peer Review

On 2nd to 4th May 2017 Sefton Safeguarding team will be undertaking a Peer Review of Cheshire East's safeguarding adults functions. The recommendations from the review will inform the Board's Business Plan and objectives for 2017/18.

CESAB Development Day

Gill Frame has agreed to facilitate our annual Development Day (date to be confirmed). The purpose of the day is to review the CESAB Business Plan for 2017-18 and to agree the objectives for the Board to deliver the Partnership's Priority areas in view of the recommendations of the Peer review team.

Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Practitioner Forum

In February 2017 Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Practitioner Forum issues discussed were:

- How do we bridge the gap between the Front Line and SAB?
- How can the SAB help ensure partners cooperate in Section 42 enquiries and other safeguarding activities?
- How can we continue to ensure we are still Making Safeguarding Personal?

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