



## Chair's Report

### Robert Templeton, Independent Chair, Cheshire East Safeguarding Adult Board (CESAB)

Date: January 2017

#### 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. If members find this report useful it will become a regular feature on the agenda of all future CESAB meetings. Board members are asked to note the contents of this report and raise any queries

At the last CESAB meeting we discussed the work of the board and how effective it was. We agreed there was an urgent need to review the board's priorities and objectives. At the next meeting we will spend time agreeing priorities for 2017 and discussing how we enable the board and it's subgroups to operate more effectively to meet those priorities. Attached to this report is a table outlining some of the board structures used by other SAB's across the nation to aid our discussions at board. The outputs from this work will be written up in time to be discussed with the peer review team in February.

#### 2. Local News and Issues

##### 2.1 Partnership Chairs Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

There are a number of partnership boards in Cheshire East responsible for improving safeguarding, wellbeing and outcomes for Children, Young People and Adults. The Partnership Chairs' Group has been established with the aim to join up Cheshire East's approach as a partnership to crosscutting issues and ensure that the contribution of each Board is effectively aligned. The Group will drive sustainable improvement across the partnerships in Cheshire East, to effectively safeguard and improve outcomes for children, young people and adults in Cheshire East.

The meeting is held quarterly and is an opportunity for chairs of the strategic partnerships in Cheshire East to provide an update on the work of their partnership and to join up and improve the effectiveness of the Board activity. The partnership boards represented through their Chairs are:

- LSCB
- LSAB
- Childrens Trust
- CEDAP
- Health and Wellbeing
- Community Safety Partnership.

At the last meeting in October we shared progress on key priorities, annual reports and regulatory processes. We agreed to start planning for next year by sharing priorities and objectives and align these where appropriate. We are also going to map out our business processes and areas of responsibility for complex safeguarding. I am also meeting Gill Frame the new Independent Chair of the LSCB to look at opportunities for closer working.

## **2.2 Auditing the impact of Safeguarding Adults Boards being made statutory**

All SAB chairs have been asked to complete a questionnaire entitled auditing the impact of Safeguarding Adults Boards being made statutory. The purpose of the questionnaire is to assess the impact of the Care Act 2014 one year on from implementation and to capture the effects of making Safeguarding Adults Boards statutory. The data collected will be made anonymous in the analysis. The final report will be shared with the Chairs network and sent to Adi Cooper, Care and Health Improvement Advisor for the Local Government Association, and lead on adult safeguarding. The LGA will use the data to inform discussion with Department of Health on the progress of SABs one year after the Care Act. This is a sector led initiative designed to inform DH and other stakeholders without the need for a formal inspection regime. Attached is the CESAB's response for your approval and discussion before it is submitted.

## **2.3 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.

### **2.3.1 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.

### **2.3.2 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.

At the last meeting they discussed NHS Digital Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2015/16. This report provides the key findings from the Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC) for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. The report presents information about adults at risk for whom safeguarding concerns or enquiries were opened during the reporting period, and case details for safeguarding enquiries which concluded during the reporting period.. This is the first reporting year since safeguarding adults became a statutory duty for councils. The SAC data collection only includes cases of suspected abuse where a council safeguarding service has been notified and has entered details onto their system. It does not include cases where partner agencies have dealt with the allegation and not shared the information with the council. It is likely that there are cases of abuse that have not been reported to councils. Key finding are as follows:

- For the 2015-16 reporting year there were 102,970 individuals with enquiries under Section 42 of the Care Act. Of these enquiries, 60 per cent were for females (61,985 enquiries) and 63 per cent of individuals at risk were aged 65 or over (65,085 enquiries).
- For Section 42 enquiries which concluded during the reporting year, there were 124,940 risks. Of these, the most common type was neglect and acts of omission, which accounted for 34 per cent of risks, followed by physical abuse with 26 per cent.
- There were 110,095 risks recorded by location of risk in concluded Section 42 enquiries. The location of risk was most frequently the home of the adult at risk (43 per cent of enquiries) or in a care home (36 per cent).

The full report can be found at: <http://www.content.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB21917>

### **3. National News and Issues**

#### **3.1 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 at the last meeting were as follows:

##### **3.1.1 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 February 2017 and a link will be added to the next edition of this report.

##### **3.1.2 Key issues from the Wood Report relevant to LSABs**

The Wood Report sets out a review of the role and functions of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) with recommendations in respect of: Boards; Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) and Contact Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPs). It reflects recognition in respect of limitations of LSCBs in delivering on key objectives. It sets out a proposal for fundamental reform including a greater focus on improving outcomes for children and young people. The NSABC has produced a discussion paper setting out key areas highlighted in the Wood Report and comments on where LSABs are within these areas and examples of what is being achieved by LSABs.

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