

<b>HALTON</b>
<b>SAFEGUARDING</b>
<b>ADULTS</b>
<b>BOARD</b>

**HALTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD**

**FRIDAY, 28 APRIL, 2017 AT 10AM**

**HALTON SUITE, SELECT SECURITY STADIUM, WIDNES**

**PRESENT:**

Audrey Williamson (AW)	Independent Chair
Marie Wright (MW)	Halton Borough Council (HBC)
Sue Wallace-Bonner (SWB)	HBC
Tracey Coffey (TC)	HBC
Helen Moir (HM)	HBC
Bridgid Dineen (BD)	HBC
Emma Coxon (EC)	Cheshire Fire Service
Michelle Creed (MC)	Halton Clinical Commissioning Group
Gareth Lee (GL)	Public Protection PCI

**In attendance:** Denise Taylor (DT) HBC (Minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Donna Yates Cheshire, Greater Manchester Probation  
 Hitesh Patel Healthwatch & Citizen Advice Halton

		<b>ACTION</b>			
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were noted as above and those members present introduced themselves to the rest of the Board.</p> <p>Audrey Welcomed Michelle Creed, Chief Nurse, Halton Clinical Commissioning Group to her first meeting of the HSAB.</p>				
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting &amp; matters arising</b></p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record with the following matters arising:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="247 1870 1252 2016"> <tr> <td align="center">2.1</td> <td><u>SAB Draft Annual Report (Previous item 6)</u> BD to contact Shélah Semoff, Policy and Strategy to obtain hate crime figures to be incorporated into the Annual Report.</td> <td align="center"><b>BD</b></td> </tr> </table>	2.1	<u>SAB Draft Annual Report (Previous item 6)</u> BD to contact Shélah Semoff, Policy and Strategy to obtain hate crime figures to be incorporated into the Annual Report.	<b>BD</b>	
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2.2	<p><u>Self-Neglect Panel (Previous Item 8 Min. 20.01.17)</u></p> <p>HM updated members of the meeting that a number of referrals from internal teams have been received which will be enough to take through to next year; Jimmy Bush is involved in this process. A triage system is being considered to identify requirements. The Panel is chaired by Chief Inspector DI Reece and it is proposed that he would monitor this on a regular basis, or possibly someone else would chair this.</p> <p>The Board agreed that HM would provide an update report at the next meeting.</p>	<b>HM</b>	
2.3	<p><u>Involvement of Service Users in Halton Safeguarding Adult Board (Previous Item 11)</u></p> <p>BD informed the Board that Hitesh had written to Jan Snoddon; the response being that there is no budget currently available, however, this will be considered in the future.</p> <p>AW and BD discussed the return of the SAB Newsletter. BD working with HBC design team to produce template. BD to produce quarterly newsletter after SAB meetings have taken place. SAB to suggest items for inclusion.</p>	<b>BD ALL</b>	
2.4	<p><u>Long-term Segregation (Previous item 15.1 Min 20.01.17)</u></p> <p>No information received to date from Steve Hull; AW agreed to chase up, BD to forward latest email correspondence to AW.</p>	<b>AW BD</b>	
<p>The Action log was updated accordingly.</p>			
<b>3</b>	<p><b>MAR and Thematic Review Actions Plans</b></p> <p>MC, Chief Nurse, Halton Clinical Commissioning Group provided a report on the Multi-Agency Review. The Multi-Agency Review (MAR) was commissioned by Halton Safeguarding Adults Board and NHS Halton CCG at the Serious Adult Review Group meeting on 13.09.16 following the death of DS in July 2016. A Multi-Agency Review is a process of critical and reflective learning, designed to lead to improved outcomes for people who use services. It was agreed at the last meeting that MC and BD would develop some actions.</p> <p>MC reported that the Thematic Review report is being presented to</p>		

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	<p>the Health Sub Group meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. This was also produced at the Cheshire and Merseyside QSG, it emerged that there was a review in 2011 in relation to suicides and repeated in 2014, and it was recognised that there were similar concerns, particularly around communication; some have resulted in double homicides.</p> <p>Concern was raised regarding mental health issues within safeguarding. GL reported that within their SAR Panel (reflective panel) some recommendations were around Mental Health and Mental Capacity Act, some agency staff did not know what the threshold was and when does it become a safeguarding issue. There is lack of understanding or a degree of inconsistency which needs to be addressed in training for professionals.</p> <p>SWB stressed the need to pick up Adult Social Care and Homelessness actions. In relation to care homes and providers, there is some additional funding to task into this.</p> <p>Members of the Board noted and discussed the contents of the report and subsequently agreed the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A further meeting is underway with Christine Evans to discuss some of the themes, e.g. communication. MC is meeting with Ruth Austen-Vincent to go through the reports and then it will be presented to the Partnership Sub Group. MC to include BD in wider discussions</b></li> <li>• <b>Propose Mental Health is a priority for the Board for next year</b></li> <li>• <b>MC and BD to produce Thematic Review Action Plan from the 17 recommendations and circulate to SAB members for comment</b></li> <li>• <b>Propose the report/Action Plan be signed off electronically</b></li> <li>• <b>Thematic Review and MAR Action Plans to be monitored</b></li> <li>• <b>BD to develop a plan around training and consider refreshing the Training Strategy</b></li> <li>• <b>Training sessions to be arranged in the autumn around reviews and findings; AW agreed to chair some of the sessions. Representation from SAB and Police to be included. Link into the regional ADASS Group (Graham Hodgkinson)</b></li> </ul>	<p>MC / BD</p> <p>HM / BD</p> <p>MC / BD ALL ALL</p> <p>BD</p> <p>HM / BD / AW</p>
4	<p><b>Peer Review and Action Plan</b></p> <p>HM provided Halton Safeguarding Adult Board (HSAB) with an overview of the recent peer review process undertaken for Safeguarding Adults and the subsequent recommendations identified following the review.</p>	

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	<p>HM briefly explained the background. St Helens agreed to undertake a constructive Peer Review in Halton in September 2016. Halton Borough Council asked the Peer Review team to focus on particular areas.</p> <p>The Peer Review team identified a number of recommendations which have been collated into an action plan and progress will be monitored by the Safeguarding Adults Board.</p> <p>SWB advised that the Adult Social Care Sector Led approach is considering reviewing every couple of years. Halton Borough Council has also played a part in carrying out reviews and has gained a lot of learning.</p> <p>Members of the Board noted and discussed the contents of the report and acknowledged that the Peer Review was a good outcome. One of the main priorities for this Board over the next 12 months' is to complete the Annual Report.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Law Commission Update</b></p> <p>HM presented HSAB with an update as to the current situation regarding the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) came into force on 1 April, 2009, and was a response to an identified breach of the European Convention on Human Rights.</p> <p>However, guidance is still awaited. From first looking at the final report it appears this is going to split back to hospitals undertaking their own DoLS, which will be less of an impact within the Borough. The BIA role will be replaced by the Approved Mental Capacity Professional (AMCP) being introduced. Not sure at this stage of training requirements, but we do know that processes will change. However, there is no additional further information at this point.</p> <p>Members of the Board noted and discussed the contents of the report.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse</b></p> <p>TC shared the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse report undertaken by Professor Alexis Jay, OBE to members of the Board.</p> <p>TC attended a conference in Manchester and explained that the Inquiry has a number of strands; it has a much stronger engagement with victims and survivors. The Inquiry has made an offer to come to Board members (Adults and Children's) to do a presentation on what the impact is and how to support survivors. This is about learning, using the resources of the Inquiry to take evidence of what some of</p>	

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	<p>the causes are; what implications for support. This is much more robust than it was previously. It is important for colleagues to know how the Inquiry has approached evidence for victims. How we, as a partnership, make sure we are recognised and supported; ensuring all agencies understand what we are doing. TC said that she was impressed with the Survivors Group, which is more robust, clear timelines and how it tackles and supports survivors. There is also an office in Liverpool.</p> <p>MW posed a question regarding refugees and asylum seekers accessing the same powers of intervention coming into the borough. TC responded that the usual safeguarding processes would apply; there is no exception if they belong to a different community.</p> <p><b>The Safeguarding Adult Board agreed that BD would discuss the offer of the Independent Inquiry providing a presentation (approx. 45 mins) to the HSAB and HSCB with Tracy Holyhead, Children’s Board Manager.</b></p>	<b>BD</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>MARAC Review &amp; Options</b></p> <p>GL presented members of the Board with the MARAC process and options for change. It was established that MARAC has not been reviewed in the 12 years of operation. There was also agreement that the MARAC may not best meet the needs of the victim and may hinder opportunities for direct intervention prior to the meeting. Clarity was also sought over what additional benefits the meeting is bringing.</p> <p>It is recommended that there is a need to change how MARAC operates. Leads from a single LA area agreed to pilot a daily MARAC approach, formulating a plan to deal with MARAC referrals as they arrive. The paper was presented to Senior Management Team and Exec Board.</p> <p>HM said that in terms of Adult Social Care it has resource implications, MARAC does work at the moment, however if that model went ahead there would be some issues for HSAB. AW said for information, Knowsley is also carrying out a pilot and it may be worth GL liaising with them.</p> <p>Members of the meeting discussed and noted the contents of the report and supported the frequency of MARAC, and accepted that there is a need to change how MARAC operates. However, GL agreed to look at more effective ways of working, i.e. iCART works well, but not necessarily across the whole service, consider doing further work to include Mental Health and understand what it is in Halton. In relation to the review ensure Adult Social Care is involved.</p>	

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	The paper will be presented to the Local Safeguarding Children's Boards, Local Safeguarding Adults Boards and the Strategic Domestic Abuse Board. Feedback from each Board reviewed and a plan developed across each area to move this forward. GL advised that he is leading on this work.	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Policy Update: North West Safeguarding Adults Policy</b></p> <p>HM presented Board members with the North West Safeguarding Policy. This policy has been developed by Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) across the North West to meet the requirements of the Care Act and the Department of Health Statutory Guidance. It is designed to support current good practice in adult safeguarding and outlines the arrangements which apply to the region.</p> <p>Members of the meeting discussed the contents of the report and noted that Local Guidance and procedures specific to each local authority will be provided separately. The Policy has been welcomed by ADASS. The Board also acknowledged the hard work in developing the Policy with a special thanks to Katy Rushworth for her contribution. It was agreed the Policy should have new logo inserted in order that members of the community recognise it as a local document.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Budget Update (<i>Standing Item</i>)</b></p> <p>BD provided an update of the current SAB financial report to members of the Board.</p> <p>Members of the Board discussed the financial detail and agreed that BD in the first instance would discuss finance information with SWB, and develop a more exhaustive table to include LA, CCG and Police funding.</p> <p>This Board agreed that this item would be a future 'Standing Item'.</p>	<p><b>BD</b></p> <p><b>DT</b></p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Information Items</b></p> <p>AW circulated information items for information only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TC briefly explained that <i>SafeLives Review</i> is a national charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse for good. A Pan-Cheshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board will be established to discuss work-streams, workforce development, communication, and commissioning. Also learning in terms of The 'Offer', which is different in other authorities, feedback from DA, considering, accommodation offer, victims for various reasons, e.g. learning disabilities, looking at outreach support for victims who are in</li> </ul>	

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	<p>different types of housing. There is currently a bid underway in relation to the women and girls strategy which is on hold. In Halton we haven't got an offer. There will still be a local Domestic Abuse Forum. Strategic level will sit at Pan-Cheshire level; fire is linked into this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GL briefed that a successful pilot has taken place with Warrington Public Protection in relation to perpetrator programmes; it was very focused on 'why do you carry out this type of behaviour'. The pilot was trialled for 12 months' and was completed in December. Going forward a bid has gone into the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, Manchester Met and Hampshire Police. If the bid is successful there would be options for further perpetrator programmes, also this would enable us to sign-post to other services; the result of the bid will be known within the next six months'.</li> <li>• <i>SafeLives Review : Operation Enhance</i> - this been reviewed, quality and quantity, rolled out Cheshire wide with some complex dependency funding. Secondary response to abuse, happy to support, need to allocate one from policing units. Issue will be how the funding will be allocated. Hope to get up and running in June in the borough. Funding available for one year. Halton is in a good place in terms of IDVA.</li> <li>• ADASS – West Sussex Safeguarding Board has done SAR snapshot, members of the meeting thought that this would be useful to how it applies to Halton. <b>AW and BD will discuss in more detail.</b></li> <li>• Prevention Strategy Update - BD briefed that there is an amendment to be included within the Prevention Strategy regarding the model for SAB, which includes DoLS albeit there is uncertainty due to the upcoming changes. A Task and Finish Group is due to take place to discuss issues within the Prevention Strategy; AW and SWB have been invited to attend to bring together the recommendations. <b>AW proposed a small meeting to discuss issues; SWB and MC agreed to be involved and suggested inviting Nicola Scott from iCART and Lisa Taylor from the Health Improvement Team.</b></li> <li>• Partnership Forum – AW asked members of the meeting to consider chairing future Partnership Forum meetings, as it was only her intention to chair one or two. <b>If anyone is interested, please email BD.</b></li> <li>• Faith Forum – no update, as the last meeting was cancelled due to lack of engagement; AW is unable to attend the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p></p> <p><b>AW / BD</b></p> <p><b>BD</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provider Forum minutes to be included under 'Information items'. In relation to the Herbert protocol around medication management, some of these issues have now been addressed.</li> </ul>	BD
11	<p><b>Partner Agencies Information Exchange</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EC briefed that they have commissioned a company to deliver Mental Health training to cover awareness and how to communicate with partner agencies, it was well received. <b>EC agreed to share/circulate training package to members of the meeting.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commenced new data set dealing with high risk and safe and well.</li> <li>Completed 500 referrals for bowel cancer screening.</li> <li>Completed 200 alcohol and smoking referrals since February.</li> <li>The numbers are good, roll out blood pressure later on in the year</li> </ul> </li> <li>MC briefed that the Adults Safeguarding Nurse post has gone out to advert, interviews are scheduled for 30 May. Dr Gary O'Hare may have someone interested for named GP.</li> <li>HM reported that the Safeguarding Adult Review is ongoing, next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May. <b>Report to be provided at the next SAB for sign off with Maureen Noble presenting.</b></li> <li>A new Halton Adult Safeguarding Board logo has been designed, BD asked members present for their opinion.</li> <li>MW advised that a Mental Health and Young People event took place recently at Riverside College. MW felt that it was a good event touching on different aspects of mental health and how people perceive mental health; there was no mention of suicides. BD will pick this up in delivery of training.</li> <li>GL explained that DA Matters is a programme from SafeLives delivered by Police, started a programme for front line officers, investment from LA IDVA, we funded their time through Cheshire Cares. Although SafeLives will not deliver this training we are in a position to deliver training from our police trainers and abuse trainers. Target group is social workers. If anyone needs further domestic abuse training, the course is good, identify opportunity via Sarah Ashcroft; training sessions to take place summer/early autumn. <b>It was agreed that BD would take this to the Partnership Board. BD/HM to write into the Training Strategy.</b></li> </ul>	<p>EC</p> <p>HM</p> <p>BD BD / HM</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TC informed members of the meeting that the Special Education Needs and Disability Joint inspection took place; received letter to say was okay, however there will be a number of recommendations; the report will be published after 10 working days. To be included on 'Information Items'.</li> <li>• TC advised that the Children and Social Work Bill for the abolition of Children's Boards has been agreed, however there is going to be a locally agreed process. Lack of detail in the bill. Implications for this board in ongoing relationships</li> <li>• Commissioned by Home Office Published analysis of Domestic Homicide Reviews completed to date; the document has taken out key learning and key themes. Report to come to this board, agenda for Pan-Cheshire board initially. <b>Bridgid to circulate link to members of the Board.</b> SWB advised that Lindsay Smith is in the process of producing a Homicide Review report for the SAB - <b>BD to check with Lindsay.</b></li> </ul>	<b>BD</b>  <b>BD</b>							
<b>12</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> None								
<b>13</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, 28 July, 2017 10am Box 9, Halton Select Security Stadium</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white;"> <th style="width: 33%;">Date</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Time</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Venue</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Friday, 27 October, 2017</td> <td rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">10.00am</td> <td rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Box 9, Halton Select Security Stadium, Widnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday, 26 January, 2018</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Time	Venue	Friday, 27 October, 2017	10.00am	Box 9, Halton Select Security Stadium, Widnes	Friday, 26 January, 2018	
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