

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board



E-Newsletter—Edition 2

October 2018

Welcome to the Autumn 2018 edition of the Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) e-newsletter. This is the second edition of our newsletter since its re-launch in April 2018 and we hope you find it a useful way of keeping up to date with the work of the NSAB, as well as sharing good practice and important information. Please visit the [NSAB webpages](#) which include a lot of useful information, links and contacts.

Board Business

In October we published our [Annual Report for 2017-18](#). The Annual Report provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our achievements and challenges over the past year, as well as identify our priorities for the year ahead. This year has seen the publication of our [Joint Serious Case Review](#) into the sexual exploitation of children and young adults in Newcastle. Work has continued to embed the principles of [making safeguarding personal](#), to put individuals themselves at the heart of the safeguarding process so that we can learn from their experiences and improve our practice. We have also recently reviewed and relaunched our [multi agency policy and procedures](#) to ensure they remain fit for purpose. 2017-18 has also provided a number of challenges, with safeguarding referrals continuing to rise, putting greater pressure on all services to respond to concerns effectively. It is important to remember that an increase in referrals does not necessarily mean an increase in the prevalence of abuse and could also be indicative of improved awareness and confidence in reporting, which the Board would very much welcome. [You can read the Annual Report on our NSAB webpages](#).

At the May 2018 meeting, the Board welcomed new members Maurya Cushlow (Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) and Neil Baird (Changing Lives). In July 2018, Melanie Stamp joined the Board to represent Public Health and we look forward to welcoming Simon Luddington from Search to join the Board in September 2018 as a third representative of the VCS sector.

The Board continues to implement their Strategic Annual Plan for 2018-19. Work over the following months will include: exploring opportunities to help lower the risks associated with social isolation/loneliness; working with the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board, Safe Newcastle and Youth Offending Board to identify what actions can be taken to prevent the abuse or neglect of adults with care and support needs as a result of "gang" activity; continuing to embed Making Safeguarding Personal. If you have any views or would like to contribute to these areas of work, please contact: safeguardingboards@newcastle.gov.uk

The NSAB will begin work over the next few months to agree their [strategic priorities for 2019-2020](#).

Adult Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Board agencies continue to work together to implement a MASH for safeguarding adults. The innovative project will see co-location of staff from Adult Social Care, Northumbria Police and other key partner agencies. The MASH will facilitate enhanced multi-agency working as part of safeguarding enquiries, providing a co-ordinated and efficient response to safeguarding concerns and delivering improved outcomes for adults at risk. The MASH is expected to launch within the next few months.

Safeguarding Adults Unit on the move

As part of the wider plans to implement the MASH, the Safeguarding Adults Unit (SAU) has now re-located from the Shieldfield Centre to Westgate Community College. The SAU staff now join the majority of Adult Social Care Teams who are already based within the Westgate site. The contact details for the SAU Advice line remain the same and the team can still be contacted for advice on 0191 278 8156. As a consequence of the move, the majority of safeguarding adults operational meetings will now take place at Westgate Community College. Meeting invitations have been updated but if you have been invited to a meeting and are unsure where it will take place then please contact the meeting organiser.

Skills for People Easy Read Guides

We have enlisted the support of Skills for People to produce Easy Read versions of the Joint Serious Case Review (Sexual Exploitation) and the Safeguarding Adults Review into the death of Lee Irving. These are available on the [NSAB webpages](#). Please feel free to share with anyone you think may be interested in reading them or find them of benefit.

Summer Safeguarding Check Up

Newcastle Council for Voluntary Services have recently produced a [Safeguarding 'Check Up'](#) to help CVS organisations think about their internal safeguarding policies and procedures in preparation for funding applications.

Safeguarding training

The NSAB, NSCB and Safe Newcastle now produce a [joint training programme](#) that is accessible to all staff and volunteers working in Newcastle. Whether your primary role is to work with children, adults, or both, we encourage you to view safeguarding as something which can affect people across the life course and to develop an awareness of the multi-agency frameworks in place to manage concerns of abuse and neglect. Courses include: Safeguarding, Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, Sexual Exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation, and Child Neglect. A comprehensive e-learning programme is also available.

Spotlight on...Cuckooing

This is a term used to describe activity which often accompanies 'County Lines' offending. It involves a local property, generally occupied by a vulnerable person, being taken over by offenders and being used as a base for their activities. The use of the property is usually secured by force or coercion. The vulnerable person may see the offenders as their "friends".

('County Lines' describes an approach taken by some criminal groups within the UK to distribute drugs and conduct other criminal activities in other areas of the country)

Reporting

If you have any concerns or intelligence to share please report these to:

- Northumbria Police by telephone on **101** or **999** in an emergency
- Email forceintelligence@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
You can share intelligence via this email address even if you do not know the full details of the person(s) involved. Sharing of small details helps to inform an intelligence picture.

If you are concerned about a child or adult at risk please report your concerns via existing safeguarding reporting pathways

If you have any comments about this newsletter, please contact

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