

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board

Summary Minutes

Meeting held on **Wednesday 12th March 2025**, 1-3.30pm, via Teams

Please note these are not full minutes. They are intended to provide an overview of discussions and decisions. Due to the confidential nature of some of the items discussed, it is not possible to publically share full minutes.

The Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) is the multi-agency partnership responsible for ensuring that adults at risk in Newcastle are safeguarded and protected.

The NSAB meeting was preceded by a Member Development Session. This session focussed on **Section 43 Care Act**. Recordings of this and previous sessions can be accessed here: www.newcastlesafeguarding.org.uk/nsab-member-development-sessions/

Safeguarding Adults Project Manager Report

The Board a report from the Safeguarding Adults Project Manager who had been in post for a year to work on co-ordinating outstanding or emerging actions specifically related to drugs and alcohol. Assurance was given on progress against recommendations and those which remained outstanding. A case study involving a person who had been through the revised residential rehabilitation pathway was included. The Safeguarding Adults Project Manager has moved to a role within Public Health and any outstanding actions will be taken forward alongside their new role. The Public Health programme leader for Harm Reduction and Social Inclusion is a member of the NSAB and there are strong relationships between safeguarding adults and public health to continue work in this area.

Culture Insights - CNTW

In 2024-25, the NSAB have been exploring organisational cultures; responding to findings in SARs where closed cultures have been identified to be a risk factor. CNTW shared their approach to ensuring they have an open culture and how this is monitored, using a variety of information sources: data, what people tell us (patients and staff) and intelligence. Their Culture Insights Dashboard includes 41 indicators which can be used to analyse culture within services – this includes data on: restraint; detentions; staff training; patient and carer feedback; staff turnover; sickness; complaints. The NSAB were encouraged to take a more positive framing of organisational culture, focussing on being an open culture rather than focussing on closed cultures. NSAB members agreed to consider their organisation's position in relation to a series of reflective questions which would be reported back to the next NSAB meeting.

Strategic Annual Plan 2025-26

The NSAB agreed their [Strategic Annual Plan for 2025-26](#). This included priorities around: gathering feedback from people who had been subject to a safeguarding adults enquiry; co-producing information about the safeguarding adults process; neglect; revision of the NSAB's Risk Threshold Tool; analysing safeguarding data against population-level data to explore potential barriers to accessing safeguarding support.

Improving Practice Committee

A task and finish group had held their first meeting to plan the roll-out of the [Safeguarding adults protocol: pressure ulcers and raising a safeguarding concern](#). This was well attended by a range of different agencies.

Learning and Development Committee

The Learning and Development Committee had produced a document explaining expectations and etiquette for attending online training.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th May 2025, 1-3.30pm

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