



## Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter

### WSAB Business Objectives

WSAB agreed its Business Objectives for 2016/2017 at its April meeting. Consultation in regards to the objectives for the year started in November with the Board holding events in the North and South of the County inviting people from all sectors of the local communities. We also held an online consultation via our webpage asking for people's views and comments in regards to what should be part of its business objectives.

Following this a consultation day was held with all Board members invited where progress on its 15/16 objectives was shared and 16/17 objectives were formed in line with the overarching Strategic Objectives 2015/2018 of the Board.

#### The Business Objectives for 2016/2017 are:

1. **Improve communication**
2. **MCA & DOLS are understood**
3. **Listen to and involve service users**
4. **Build on work with WSCB, HWBB, CSP**
5. **Identify local risks and target the work of the board**
6. **Improve community awareness and approve Prevention Strategy**
7. **Complete outstanding work**



Further information can be found at:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20222/safeguarding\\_adults/1105/safeguarding\\_adults\\_board\\_documents](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20222/safeguarding_adults/1105/safeguarding_adults_board_documents)



Do you have concerns about yourself or someone else being abused?

**Safeguarding is everyone's business**

For more information call the safeguarding team on 01905 768053. Contact the Police on 101 or in the event of an emergency call 999.



### WSAB Leaflet and Posters

WSAB are pleased to launch our new Worcestershire **Safeguarding awareness posters**. Keep an eye out for them in public places such as GP surgeries and community centres over the coming weeks. The aim of the posters is to highlight abuse and what to do if somebody suspects that they, or somebody else, is being abused and the person has care needs and can not protect themselves.

In addition we are also launching our Worcestershire Safeguarding Leaflet "*Keeping People Safe from Abuse*". It explains in more detail what abuse is and, importantly, what the process is if somebody reports abuse. This can be found on our website at:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wsab](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wsab)

### Transition Event

As the work carried out by WSAB is diverse and far reaching across Worcestershire we ensure that we work closely with other Boards with a similar focus such as;

- **Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB)**
- **Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) and**
- **Community Safety Partnership (CSP)**

As a result of this joined up working WSAB and WSCB recently combined their resources to hold a Transitions Event, inviting practitioners, managers and policy makers to attend an event that explored the vulnerabilities of young people transitioning into adulthood and how services can respond to prevent abuse and protect the young person.

We received some very positive feedback to the event with 100% of attendees rating the quality of content as **very high/high**. The findings from the day will be carried forward by both Boards in order to identify what actions are to be carried forward.

### WSAB Welcomes Regulatory Services

WSAB is very pleased to welcome Worcestershire Regulatory Services to the Board. With the variety of scope of the work they carry out across the County we see them as being an invaluable partner in helping to achieve our aims.

Further information about Worcestershire Regulatory Services can be found at: [www.worcsregservices.gov.uk](http://www.worcsregservices.gov.uk)

## WSAB Membership and Structure

With the addition of the Worcestershire Regulatory Services to the Board 13 sectors across Worcestershire are represented, working at a strategic level towards achieving WSABs objectives. Each of the members organisations also help to make up the five sub groups of the Board along with other relevant agencies and is also supported by the Virtual Network.

The five sub groups are;

- **Case Review**
- **Community Awareness & Prevention**
- **Learning & Development**
- **Policy & Practice**
- **Performance & Quality Assurance**

More information about the work of the sub groups can be found at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/6476/worcestershire\\_safeguarding\\_adults\\_board\\_structure\\_leaflet](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/6476/worcestershire_safeguarding_adults_board_structure_leaflet)

The Virtual Network is a group people from across Worcestershire who help with the work of the Board by telling us what they think about the work we are doing. This could be about anything, from a document or leaflet to our plan for what we are going to do in the future to help stop adults from being abused. This is all done by e-mail and the internet.

We recognise that Worcestershire has a lot of knowledge and skills around adult safeguarding, stopping abuse from happening, which we would love to be able to share. To do this we need as many people as possible from as many different areas of business and our local communities to join our virtual network and give us feedback and suggestions on the work we are carrying out.

For more information on the Virtual Network or if you would like to join please go to: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X59SKL7](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X59SKL7)

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## Worcestershire Housing Providers Help To Shape the WSAB's Goals

WSAB were very pleased to welcome representatives from a variety of housing providers within the county to a workshop held specifically for the housing sector in the council Chambers at County Hall on 25th January.

The Board welcomed Sarah Davies from the Chartered Institute of Housing who gave a presentation on the role that housing providers can play in adult safeguarding. She explained ways that housing providers can work together with the Board to help people with care and support needs to live in safe and secure housing.

Lots of ideas were put forward by attendees in regards to how Worcestershire's housing sector and the Board can work more closely together with the

combined aim of reducing risk to adults living in their properties.

WSAB recognises that the organisations who provide housing in Worcestershire are extremely important in regards to Safeguarding adults at risk of abuse or neglect and the Board wishes to work more closely with them in the future.

The presentation of the Board's Virtual Network, an exciting new way of working with the Board without spending time at lots of meetings was also a feature of the afternoon.

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## Health checkers

WSAB were very pleased to welcome guest speakers from Health Checkers and SpeakEasy N.O.W at Board on 11th April.

SpeakEasy N.O.W. is a Worcestershire wide charity who supports people with a learning disability to be involved in planning and speaking up about services. The Health Checkers Team has been working since 2010 to make sure that people with a learning disability receive good health care.

They delivered a very informative presentation in regards to work they have recently carried out within GP surgeries in Worcestershire with the aim of finding out more about people with learning disabilities getting Annual Health Checks.