



Board's Business Objectives

Work to be carried out by the Board's Subgroups to achieve this will include,

- New joint WSAB/WSCB website - the procurement process is under way and representatives from both Boards are working together to ensure the finished product meets all of their needs
- Learning Event – this will now take place in January 2018 and planning is under way to engage practitioners with a series of workshops and presentations that will highlight lessons learned from Safeguarding Adult Reviews and ensure that they are shared across the County. Feedback from this event will inform the Board's next strategic plan
- Pledges have been made to the People's Parliament as part of the debate on their latest White Paper 'Me and the People Around Me – Help Me Keep Safe' This contributes to the Board's commitment to listening to service users and gathering their views.

Policies

The Board has recently approved three Guidance Policies which are now available on the website:

- [Mental Capacity Act Policy](#)
- [Self Neglect Guidance](#)
- [Safeguarding Judgements Guidance](#)

WSAB July & October Board Meetings

WSAB Annual Report 2016/17



The 2016/17 Annual Report has now been published and was presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board on 10/10/17. An easy read version will be produced shortly.

For the first time the report includes an analysis of data collected over the last two years which will help us to identify trends in performance & assist us in achieving our objectives. The report also includes;

- The Board's achievements against its objectives in 16/17
- Examples of how partner agencies have been providing assurance around safeguarding adults within their organisations
- Details of the partnership work that has been carried out with other Boards (Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Board, Health & Wellbeing Board, Safer Communities Board and the North Worcestershire and South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnerships)
- Information around Worcestershire's reporting of abuse and neglect (Section 42)
- Learning identified from Safeguarding Adults Reviews carried out during the year.

Topics of discussion included:

- New role of Thematic Sponsor – Richard White has agreed to take on this newly created role to provide expert advice & support in relation to Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP), Mental Capacity Act (MCA) & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) These themes link to the Board's Business Objectives
- New joint Chair for WSCB/WSAB. Derek Benson has now taken over as Chair of WSAB and the Board are looking forward to a successful working relationship with him. Transition is well under way and Derek has met with several Board members, as well as the new WCC Chief Executive, Steve Stewart.
- Restructure of Board support - the creation of a part time admin support post has been approved by Board members. This will operate within the agreed budget & provide much needed support to the Board secretariat. The recruitment process is currently under way.
- The Board's Risk Register was discussed to monitor risks that may prevent the Board from achieving its objectives
- Budget – the Board is currently operating within its designated budget.

Presentations:

- Kathy McAteer chaired her final meeting of the Board on 16th October. Sander Kristel, WCC Director of Adult Services, thanked Kathy on behalf of the Board for the dedication & commitment she has demonstrated during her time as Chair, and for all the hard work that has helped to shape the Board's current position. Kathy was presented with a gift of flowers and chocolates
- Visitors from SpeakEasy NOW were welcomed to the October Board meeting, and gave a very informative presentation on 'Living in Worcestershire with a Disability'. More information can be found on their website www.speakeasynow.org.uk
- Paul Kinsella gave a very interesting & informative presentation on the 'Prevent Strategy' and how safeguarding referrals from it are managed. Board members were very happy that robust arrangements are in place.

Safeguarding Survey:

Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board has developed a survey to help us to understand how we can improve our arrangements for safeguarding adults in Worcestershire and provide the support that staff need.

The survey can be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/2B7awx7>