



WSAB Annual Report 16/17

WSAB is currently in the process of writing its Annual Report for 16/17 and reflecting on the work that it has carried out during the year. This will be presented to Board in July and published shortly after along with a short overview report.

Key topics covered will include:

- 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 Review carried out during the year.

WSAB May Board Meeting

WSAB recently held its first quarterly meeting for 2017/2018.



Topics of discussion included;

- A presentation from the Heart of England looking at the work they carry out with young people to develop life skills and help them to gain employment
- Work being carried out regionally and by other Safeguarding Adults Boards
- The new business objectives for 17/18 and how the Board's sub groups will work towards achieving them
- The Board's annual assurance of its partner agencies and how this will focus on three specific areas in 17/18 of;
 1. Mental Capacity Assessments
 2. Making Safeguarding Personal and
 3. Section 42 referrals
- Cross cutting issues with the Children's Board such as Child Sexual Exploitation and Transition
- Assurance from the Worcestershire Acute Hospital NHS Trust and South Worcestershire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group in regards to the impact recent pressures on local hospitals has had on safeguarding
- The current levels of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Section 42 referrals being actioned by Worcestershire County Council
- The Board's Risk Register and monitoring of the risks that may prevent the Board from achieving its objectives
- Amendments to its [Constitution](#), [Information Sharing Agreement](#) & [Assisted Suicide Policy](#).

WSAB 2017/2018 Business Objectives

WSAB agreed its Business Objectives for 2017/2018 at its May meeting. Consultation in regards to the objectives for the year started in the New Year with an online consultation asking for people's views on various elements of safeguarding with our local communities.

Following this a consultation day was held with all Board and sub group members invited. Progress on WSAB's 16/17 objectives was shared along with data identifying key areas of interest. The limited capacity was noted by Board and it was agreed that it would be better to concentrate on the most important areas, in line with the overarching Strategic Objectives 2015/2018 of the Board. They are:

1. Improving awareness across all stakeholders of what 'Safeguarding' is as well as what it isn't
2. Demonstrate listening to service users and gathering their views
3. Continue to seek assurance from partners in relation to MSP and MCA Dols
4. Continue with cross cutting work with WSCB in relation to professional curiosity and transition

Work to be carried out by the sub groups to achieve this will include;

- Working with WSCB to develop a new stand-alone website so that the public and professionals can easily find the information they need and improve people's communication with the Board
- Hold a learning event for practitioners within Worcestershire highlighting the lessons learnt in Safeguarding Adult Reviews and ensuring that this is shared across the County
- Develop a new Adult Safeguarding Training Strategy for 2018-2020 for partner agencies to ensure that their employees have all the information they need relating to Adult Safeguarding
- Seek assurance from partner agencies that MCA training is tested to ensure that it is embedded across the County
- Seek assurance that MSP is reflected throughout safeguarding process across all agencies.