



**Worcestershire
Safeguarding
Adults Board
Newsletter**



2015/2016 Annual Report

WSAB's 15/16 Annual Report was approved at the October Board meeting. This year's report has some significant changes to previous in that it reflects and reports on the first year of the Care Act being implemented. The Care Act states that the report must contain what WSAB;

“...has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy ...”

WSAB is very pleased to report that it achieved 95% of its actions in its business plan with the remaining 5% being carried over to 16/17 to be completed.

The full report and a shortened, easy read version, can be found at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20222/safeguarding_adults/1105/safeguarding_adults_board_documents

WSAB October Board Meeting

On Monday 10th October West Mercia Police kindly hosted the WSAB quarterly Board meeting at Hindlip.

Items discussed included:

- An update of the progress of each of the Board's subgroups as they work to achieve it 16/17 Business Objectives. It was noted that the remit of 'practice' has now moved from the Policy sub group to the Learning and Development sub group.
- A budget update which showed that, at present, projections are that the Board will come in within budget
- Work is continuing with other Boards such as the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Board, Health and Wellbeing Board, South and North Worcestershire's Community Safety Partnerships and the Safer Communities Board looking at areas of common interest and formulating a common approach. The next meeting is to be held in December 2016
- Making Safeguarding Personal - The ADASS 'Temperature Check', which examined how far MSP had been embedded across SABs, was presented to the board.
- The Board's Risk Register
- The work being carried out by the Performance and Quality Assurance sub group in relation to the development of a Scorecard Framework that will help to analyse the data which measures the Board's progress around its objectives as well as that which is more useful for strategic assessment



Virtual network

Can you help shape the work we do?

WSAB's Virtual Network is a great way for professionals and people in our local communities, including service users and carers, to directly feed into the work carried out by WSAB in Worcestershire.

We are currently looking for people to join who would be happy to feedback on a variety of policies and guidance produced by WSAB. It may only be once or twice a year and is all carried out online, so there are no meetings and takes up next to no time at all.

A list of the types of documents produced by the Board can be found at:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/2022/safeguarding_adults/1105/safeguarding_adults_board_documents

More information about our Virtual Network and how to join can be found at:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wsab

Hate Crime

WSAB was very pleased to welcome Kal Parkash, Strategic Diversity Advisor from West Mercia Police, who delivered a presentation on Hate Crime.

Kal explained that Hate Crime involves any criminal offence which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a personal characteristic. Hate Crime can be motivated by disability, gender identity, race, religion or faith and sexual orientation.



West Mercia Police continue to work in partnership with a number of different community groups and partners and have established a County wide Hate Crime Group.

A presentation on Hate Crime will also be delivered jointly by West Mercia Police and WSAB to the Worcestershire Medico-Legal Society in November.

Hate crime can be reported online at:

www.report-it.org.uk



WSAB Learning Event

WSAB hosted its first Learning Event designed to share the learning from recent Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) with the aim of preventing abuse and neglect within Worcestershire.

We had a maximum capacity turn out with service providers within Worcestershire attending, including frontline staff and management, who discussed the learning and emerging themes in the county from recent SARs.

WSAB would like to thank all of those that attended and for their input and commitment to safeguarding adults within Worcestershire from abuse and neglect.

Further information about the event can be found at:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wsab