



# Newsletter

January 2020

## Annual Learning Event

The WSAB Annual Learning Event took place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019. It focused on Strength Based approaches and how they contribute to Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP). The Slides from the presentation can be found here: [Learning event Nov 2019](#)

## Board Documents

The WSAB Training Strategy has now been revised and signed off by the Board. It can be here on the Boards Website [WSAB learning-and-development-training-strategy-2019-2022](#)

## Network Group

The Adults Safeguarding Network Group met 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019. This group is open to organisations who directly deliver services to adults at risk, including voluntary sector and services that operate at a district level. The purpose of the group is to share information about Safeguarding and look at how to address issues which don't meet the Section 42 criteria.

The October meeting gave an update on Liberty of Protection Safeguards the presentation can be found here: [LPS Presentation](#) The reflective session looked at how to address Self-Neglect cases through strength based approach.

The next meeting is scheduled to meet in April 2020 and will look at working with those where suicide is a risk. For more information on joining us at this meeting contact Sarah Wilks at: [swilks@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:swilks@worcestershire.gov.uk)

## Board Update

The last WSAB Board meeting was held in December, whilst the minutes of this will not be published on the WSAB website until they are signed off at the next meeting in March, items discussed include:

- **Police National Guidance – Safeguarding Policy** – This has been developed in conjunction with West Mercia Police and has been adopted nationally. A copy can be found here [Police National Guidance Safeguarding](#)
- **Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS).** Concerns were raised regarding training which was being provided by some organisations, as the Code of Conduct had not yet been published by the Department of Health and Social Care. The WSAB agreed to issue a statement recommending organisations wait to see what is in the Code of Conduct before they embark on any training. The statement can be found here [LPS WSAB statement December2019](#). Additional information on the LPS can be found here [Community Care LPS information](#).

Minutes of previous board meetings can be found via [WSAB Minutes](#)

## Work of the Subgroups

### **Case Review**

One SAR was signed off this quarter. It is due to be published shortly under the pseudonym of 'Jane' and will be available on the Board Website along with the learning brief: [WSAB SARs](#)

### **Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review on Rough Sleepers**

A thematic SAR looking at the experience of Rough Sleepers has now begun, following a stakeholder event held in November. The Independent Author is currently meeting with those organisations who worked with the rough sleepers, alongside wider interest groups.

### **Communications**

Work continues on the development of the new website.

At the last meeting one of the topics discussed was on financial scams, in particular those where vulnerable adults are targeted and significant amounts of money are removed from their bank accounts. Regulatory Services, one of the WSAB stakeholders, have been involved in a number of initiatives to raise awareness amongst the public and Banks. Details of the Banks protocol can be found on the WSAB website via this link: [WSAB News - Financial Scams](#):

### **Performance & Quality Assurance**

As part of their work this sub-group is monitoring the progress of multi-agency actions associated with Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and have now developed an audit programme.

The first audit examined the application of Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) when Safeguarding concerns are reported. 50 randomly selected 'cause for concern' notifications were audited to see if the following criteria had been applied and understood by the practitioner:

- The adult will have consented or there is valid justification for why they did not;
- It is clear what outcome the adult wants from Social Work involvement;
- The concern and level of risk are clearly expressed

Whilst there was evidence of good and effective practice, the audit findings suggested that there was still a need to embed MSP into practice and a number of recommendations were made. It has been agreed a further review will take place in a year to assess the impact of these actions and ongoing work.

## Making Safeguarding Personal

The Local Government Association has produced a Making Safeguarding Personal practice toolkit handbook. This provides a guide through the best approach and effective application of safeguarding, with a range of helpful tools and practice based case examples. Details can be found via the following link: <https://www.local.gov.uk/msp-toolkit>

For further information on the work of the WSAB please go to our new website <https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/>

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