



WSAB

Newsletter

July 2020

Board Update

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 Statutory WSAB partners have been meeting fortnightly to ensure emergency plans address safeguarding risks and issues. Initially much of the work the WSAB was placed on hold, as the priority was to ensure that stakeholders could deliver frontline services.

Frontline safeguarding services continue to operate across Worcestershire.

A full Board meeting was held virtually on 2nd July where it was agreed that we would operate a phased return to moving forward the SARs placed on hold. We are also beginning to reinstate the sub-group, reference groups and network meetings. However, for the moment this will be on a virtual basis and we will continue to review the situation.

The WSAB also agreed to adopt the following annual business objectives:

1. ***Making the System Work*** - ensuring that learning is embedded across all services and that the pathways are understood;
2. ***Joint Working*** - to ensure that adult safeguarding issues receive the appropriate strategic ownership and provision across all services;
3. ***Wicked Issues*** - Develop our understanding of the complex issues which have the potential to have an impact on safeguarding adults with care and support needs;

Sub-groups have now been tasked with developing business plans to support the delivery of these objectives.

It was also agreed that a meeting would be held to look merging the Learning Development and Practice sub-group with the Communication sub-group, to ensure that the learning from SARs and any practice or policy changes are disseminated as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Jane SAR – Published in June

The WSAB have published a new SAR and learning briefing for professionals. The SAR identifies several areas of learning in relation to Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP), Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and multi-agency working.

The SAR can be found here: [Jane SAR](#)

And the learning brief here: [Jane Learning Brief](#)

Useful Documents

A rough guide on SABs for Chairs

The [attached](#) paper has been developed by SAB Chairs for SAB Chairs. It is not formal guidance but more of a 'rough guide' for induction and to help and support each other. It provides useful information which is likely to be of interest to wider Board members and is a useful tool for facilitating local conversations around legal responsibilities, governance and commissioning.

Covid-19 Information

Test and Trace Scams

A WARNING has been issued about fake text messages claiming to be from the government's coronavirus test and trace service, which asks people to submit financial details. Genuine text messages and emails for the test and trace service will come from the NHS and calls from **0300 013 5000** and the only website people will be asked to access is <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>. **AT NO POINT** will people be asked for their bank details to pay for a test. Further information can be found via this link on our website: [test and trace information link](#) :

Guidance for managing those unwilling to self-isolate

The attached document has been jointly produced by the County Council, CCG and Police. The purpose of this document is to prevent the need for the use of the Coronavirus legislation by promoting active engagement of professionals, individuals and advocates. It gives clarity on the process that is required when all ways of assisting self-isolation have been exhausted. It clearly defines roles, responsibilities and escalation pathways. [Guidance](#)

The WSAB Website has a dedicated page for Covid 19 information and Guidance. A link to the page can be found here: [WSAB Covid-19 Information Page](#)

We would also remind people and organisations to encourage those with health and support need to register with the County Councils [Here2Help](#).

Future Meetings and Events

The following events are planned to take place over the next six months. However, these are subject to the change should the status of Covid19 change and impact on the frontline delivery of services. Most are planned to take place virtually; however, we are also exploring opportunities to provide a hybrid approach so that organisations or people without the technological platforms can attend these events can also attend.

Adults Safeguarding Network – 9th September 2020 - Morning

This group is open to organisations who directly deliver services for adults with care and support needs, 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 but where there is a concern.

The next **virtual** meeting is scheduled to take place on the **morning of the 9th September via Zoom**. Invites to existing members will be circulated shortly.

Annual Learning Event – Monday 7th December Morning

This year's event will be aimed at taking the learning from SARs to Residential and Domiciliary Care providers. The aim will be to demonstrate how effective person-centred care planning and partnership working contributes to effective safeguarding and achieving high quality standards.

Again, we are initially planning to hold this virtually, however we are also considering how we can ensure that those organisations who do not have the appropriate technology can also benefit from this learning.

For more information on the above events or requests to attend please contact

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