

WSAB Newsletter October 2020



Board Update

The Work of the WASB has currently resumed, following the temporary suspension during the outbreak of Covid-19. There is a separate Covid-19 page in the News section of the Website which is regularly updated with, guidance and advice to address any emerging safeguarding issues arising through this situation. A link to the page can be found here:

[WSAB Covid-19 Information Page](#)

SCiE have produced the following information for care providers on how to make best interest decisions during Covid-19 [Best Interest Decisions - Covid-19](#)

Publications

WSAB Annual Report

The Annual report has now been signed off and can be found via our website

[Link to WSAB Annual Report](#)

Rough Sleepers Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review

The above SAR is due to be published on 16th October and will be accessible via our website [WSAB SARs Page](#).

We are also planning to hold a stakeholder event to share the findings and recommendations in November. For further information please contact us on the following email address.

SafeguardingAdultsBo@worcestershire.gov.uk

Sub-groups Update

Performance and Quality Assurance

A short survey has been put together to explore peoples understanding of Making Safeguarding Personal. In the present pandemic recovery stage it is recognised that right time to target staff will be different for each organisation; therefore the survey will run until 31 November 2020.

Please target your staff at a time that is likely to get the best response over the next 3 months, however it will only take a couple of minutes to complete. [WSAB MSP Survey](#)

Merging of Learning Development and Practice with Communications

The above two sub-groups have now been merged and held their first meeting. Chaired by Sarah Foster from WCC, this newly formed sub-group have revised their terms of reference and identified actions for this year. A key piece of work this year will be looking at how we can share the learning from SARs so that they reach as wide an audience as possible and are in accessible formats for different learning styles.

WSAB Events and Network Updates

WSAB Adults Safeguarding Network

At September's virtual meeting of the Adults Safeguarding Network meeting Rachel Leslie from public health gave a sensitive and informative presentation on Suicide prevention and support. Details of the presentation can be found here: [Presentation on Creating Suicide Safer Communities](#).

This group meets once every six months and is open to all those organisations across the county that provide support to adults with care and support needs. For further details contact SafeguardingAdultsBo@worcestershire.gov.uk

Annual Learning Event – Monday 7th December Morning

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

We are planning to hold this virtually. For further details contact SafeguardingAdultsBo@worcestershire.gov.uk

Other News, useful documents and Information.

The attached document, [Little Book of Scams](#) has been produced by the Metropolitan Police. It gives an overview and advice on how to deal with the many different types of fraud which are currently known to be taking place.

Manchester SAB published a Thematic Review on Homelessness early in August. A copy of the report is attached. [MSAB Homelessness Thematic Review](#)

Royal London Insurance have also produced some helpful podcasts on how to avoid scams. [Royal London Scams Podcasts](#)

Boots pharmacy have made their consultation rooms safe places for those experiencing domestic abuse to contact experts and support services. Further details can be found here: [Boots Domestic Abuse](#)

NICE have produced the attached document which provides a helpful guide to the pathway for making decisions around mental capacity. [NICE Mental Capacity Decision making and overview document](#)