



# WSAB NEWSLETTER

January 2022

## Board Business

The Board held its quarterly meeting at the beginning of December.

As with all Board meetings there was an update on the annual business plans being delivered by the sub-groups and projects being developed with funding from the WSAB. These included an update from the Exploitation Coordinator.

In terms of risks the WSAB received updates from the statutory partners on how they are managing current pressures in discharge pathways. It was agreed that they would hold a special meeting in the new year to examine this in more detail.

## WSAB Priorities 2022 to 2023

The Board also agreed on the areas which it intends to focus on next year. These include.

- Continuation of the work on the Rough Sleeper Thematic Review into Homelessness and Rough Sleepers and Exploitation.
- Monitoring safeguarding risks, including those presented by the pressures in health and social care particularly around the discharge pathway.
- Implementation of a communication plan.
- Launching and embedding the updated Self Neglect policy
- Adoption and implementation of a Complex Adult Risk Management framework, in partnership with Herefordshire.
- Developing safeguarding with the Integrated Care System.

## **Policies, guidance and protocols**

Since the last newsletter the following policies and documents have been updated. The updated versions can be found by following these links:

[WSAB Assisted Suicide Policy](#)

[WSAB Positions of Trust Protocol](#)

[WSAB Mental Capacity Act Guidance](#)

[WSAB Mental Capacity Act Policy Development Checklist](#)

[Checklist for Safeguarding Adult Policies & Procedures](#)

[Domestic Abuse | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## **Mental Capacity and Best Interest Podcasts**

Following recommendations from a number of Safeguarding Adults Review on the need to raise awareness and improve practice in relation to the Mental Capacity Act and undertaking Best Interest Assessments, particularly at point of change and transition in peoples live the WSAB have produced two podcasts which can be found here [Links to MCA and Best Interest Podcasts](#)

The podcasts were developed by a Task and Finish group, which included families of people with care and support needs. Alongside providing an overview of the legislative frameworks, they take time to explore how this may be received by parents and carers, including consideration of the questions and concerns they may have. Whilst they were primarily designed for professional, particularly those who implement this legislation, they will also be helpful for families, carers and other practitioners who want more information.

### **WSAB Adult Safeguarding Network**

**Next Meeting is 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**10 am to 12.30 pm  
Via Teams**

**The network is open to any service or sector that works with adults who are at risk of being abused.  
It is an opportunity to share any concerns and share good practice.**

**Anyone who would like to attend the next virtual meeting Please register via the following link**

[Registration Form for Network Meeting on 31st March 2022](#)