



## Board Business

Staffing pressures in Health and Social Care continues to be a major concern for the WSAB and is a regular discussion item at the Board meetings. With winter approaching the added dimension of the impact of flu and covid on staffing presents additional pressures on the system. Health presented a report on how they will be endeavoring to manage infection control this winter.

It was agreed that, given the risk that this presents this will be a substantive item at this year's WSAB strategy day, where priorities for the forthcoming business year are identified.

Other reports presented at the Board included the regular feedback from the Sub-groups, who are tasked with delivering the annual business plans for the WSAB.

It was noted that during the first quarter of the year (April to June) there was a death of one rough sleeper, and two people who had previously slept rough. All were referred to Case Review sub-group to consider if a review was required and one is now the subject of a Review in Rapid time.

There were also updates on a number of projects including one on the Rapid Review pilot project which is looking at how learning from reviews can be shared in a more timely way; the Complex Adult Risk Management Framework and work looking at Adult Exploitation.

The WSAB also agreed that we would review our approach to working with people who have lived experience. Whilst the approach we are taking is working well we want to look at how we can continue to build on this and will be assessing it against criteria identified on page 34 of a Joint LGA and ADASS publication: [Making Safeguarding Personal: Increasing Involvement of Service users](#)

## Policy Watch

### Focus on Self-Neglect

Following the publication of our revised self-neglect policy the WSAB has now published a leaflet which can be found by following this link: [WSAB-Self-Neglect-Spotlight-Briefing-Aug-2\)](#)

The revised Self neglect policy is now more person centered, outlining the importance of understanding the person's lifelong experiences which have led to their situation.

Further details on the Self-Neglect policy can be found by following this link: [Self-Neglect-Policy-FINAL-V2.1-revised-July-2022.pdf](#) ([safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk](http://safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk))

We also now have a dedicated page for self-neglect on our website. As well as having a link to the policy it provides information on different types of behaviours which can be classed as self-neglect or lead to self-neglect. Follow this link to the page:

[Self-Neglect Page - Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board](#)

Finally, the WSAB signed off our Annual Report which can be found by following this [Link to 2021/22 WSAB Annual Report](#)

## Spotlight on WSAB work

### Engaging People with Lived Experience and organisations which support them.

#### People with Lived Experience

The WSAB is very keen to hear from people who access health and social care services and to work with them to look at how services can be improved to reduce the risk of safeguarding incidents.

To support this work Onside Advocacy work on our behalf to keep in touch with different support and service user groups across the County. We also have a person with lived experience who sits on our Board.

When we are undertaking a review of a service or producing any information Onside contact these groups and representatives to gather information on their experience as well as advice on how to improve services or make our information clearer.

If you would like to get involved or know of any groups who would like to be involved, please contact

[SafeguardingAdultsBo@Worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:SafeguardingAdultsBo@Worcestershire.gov.uk)

#### WSAB Network Group

We also have a Safeguarding Network group which is open to organisations who directly deliver services to adults at risk, including voluntary sector and services that operate at a district level.

Further details on this network and how to join can be found by following this link:

[Safeguarding Network Group -](#)



### Useful Links and Resources

#### Zero Suicide Alliance

Free Awareness Raising Training

Zero Suicide Alliance offers Suicide Awareness Training in under 30 minutes to give you the skills and confidence to help someone who may be considering suicide.

Please see the following link to access:

[Find the ZSA Zero Suicide Alliance training](#)

#### Living with Dementia Toolkit

Developed by the University of Exeter, in conjunction with Innovations in Dementia, the Living with Dementia Toolkit is for people with dementia and their carers.

The resources aim to:

- give hope for the future
- inspire through examples of real-life experiences
- offer ideas to help 'live your life as you choose'

Please see the following link to access:

[Living with Dementia Toolkit](#)

**Please note our CARM referral email has changed to:**

**[CARM@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:CARM@worcestershire.gov.uk)**