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Safeguarding Adults Newsletter Welcome

This newsletter is produced by the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) to keep you up to date on safeguarding issues including Safeguarding, Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty.

We also include topics that affect you such as dignity in care, hate crime and domestic violence. We hope you find it interesting and informative.



Special Summer Feature

A round-up of events throughout Kirklees during Safeguarding Week 2018

>> NEWSFLASHES

At the bottom of some pages you will see newsflashes taken from the new Joint Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy & Procedures. See page 3 for more detailed information.

Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board

A few words from Mike - Independent Board Chair

Firstly I would also like to record our gratitude to Sarah Carlile, our first class Board Manager. She has taken her well-earned retirement and is now set on travelling the globe. She will be greatly missed.

The Board has continued to have a busy and active year in a number of key areas. We have:

- Strengthened our approach to file auditing
- Commenced development of more comprehensive dashboard
We intend to strengthen our use of operational intelligence and hence focus on better understanding of the effectiveness of safeguarding interventions and preventative actions
- Been working on developing our engagement strategy. This is a complex piece of work and an initial draft will be considered at the July Board
- Played a leading role in regional development of the new multi-agency policy and procedures

The Multi Agency Learning Implementation Framework (MALIF) is now in place and the Board will be keeping a close eye on its effective implementation.

We are committed to maintaining our focus on continuous improvement and are currently reviewing our 3-year strategic plan. This update of the plan will cover identified priority areas, which include:

Safeguarding Adult Reviews – We have recognised that more can be done to improve quality and timeliness of these independently drafted reports and more can be done to provide the board with assurance of effectiveness of embedding learning into practice.

Prevention – Whilst safeguarding interventions must be handled well it is also important to equally recognise the value of investment in prevention and a balanced shift from a reactive – for example strengthening our engagement with the dignity in care network.

Empowerment – whilst ‘making safeguarding personal’ is now well recognised we must ensure the embedding of MSP into routine practice and governance.

We are continuing to improve our understanding of data – This should enable the board to look more closely and performance, risks, trends and themes and determine how to turn the data into action.

We will continue to work on the engagement strategy and put in place an effective implementation plan.

None of the above can be achieved in isolation and we are committed to be an outward facing board and to continue to collaborate with the other strategic partnerships of Children’s Safeguarding, Community Safety and Health and Wellbeing.

Finally I would encourage all reading this newsletter to consider, if you have not yet done so, signing up to be a dignity champion. Supporting this initiative is fundamental to safeguarding.

The link to sign up is below:

<https://www.dignityincare.org.uk/Dignity-Champions/>



Mike Houghton-Evans
KSAB Independent
Chair

“We have continued to play our full and active role in strengthening local strategic partnerships at board level.”

New Joint Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy & Procedures



The Combined Area Multi-Agency Safeguarding Policy and Procedures have undergone a substantial review this year bringing it up to date, incorporating changes to Care Act Guidance which have come about since the Care Act was first introduced and other linked agendas.

7 Safeguarding Adults Boards (Kirklees, Wakefield, Leeds, Calderdale, Bradford, North Yorkshire and City of York) continue to work together and have adopted this policy and procedures so that there is consistency across the combined area in the way in which adults are safeguarded from neglect or abuse.

All organisations involved in safeguarding should adopt this policy and procedures in respect of their relevant roles and functions, but may wish to add local operational practice guidance/ protocols.

This policy and procedures should also be used in conjunction with partnerships and individual organisation's policies procedures on related issues including: fraud,

disciplinary procedures, whistleblowing procedures and health and safety.

A brief summary of the key changes:

- Policy is strengthened and updated including linked agenda e.g. domestic abuse
- A move away from being process driven, to a simpler, person focused approach following principles of Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)
- Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager (DASM) removed and replaced by Person in a Position of Trust (PIPOT)
- There is a 4 stage process (7 stages previously)
- No longer substantiating abuse
- New suggested timescales

The new policy and procedures went live in April 2018 and the full document along with a summary version can be accessed via the [KSAB webpage](#)

If any person identifies areas of omission or potential improvements to this Policy and Procedure, please email your comments to:

feedback.safeguardingadultswypp@kirklees.gov.uk





GDPR – It's finally here!

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on May 25, 2018, and was designed to modernise laws that protect the personal information of individuals. This date however is merely the start and not the end of GDPR compliance, and all agencies will need to sustain their compliance processes over time. Keeping detailed and comprehensive records is fundamental to good safeguarding practice, through continuing to protect vulnerable people from harm, by putting their safety and well-being at the heart of our decision-making. Here are five steps you can continue to take to ensure your agency remains compliant with GDPR:

- **Audit the Personal Data you hold -**
Continue to assess what personal data you hold and process within each service area, and document what it is, where it came from, what you do with it and who you share it with
- **Undertake Privacy Impact Assessments**
- a Privacy Impact Assessment will identify the threats to personal data from within and outside of your agency. All significant business and operational changes involving data will need a Privacy Impact Assessment to identify threats and risks, and measures to be taken to mitigate those risks
- **Be transparent and inform people how you process their data -**
Review and update your privacy policies/notices and provide additional information to data subjects including how long you retain the data, that a data subject has a right of complaint to ICO, and what the lawful basis for processing the personal data is. Review the language and tone of notices to ensure that all service users can easily read and understand them
- **Review existing data processing/data sharing arrangements** – be clear about in which context your agency is a data controller, a data processor or both. Continue to review how and where you use data processors. Are the contracts you have in place up to date?
- **Empower your staff with GDPR -**
continue to raise awareness of data protection in your agency and ensure staff are fully aware of their own responsibilities.

Liberty Protection Safeguards – The replacement for DoLS

Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) will affect over 300,000 vulnerable people deprived of their liberty. It is vital these people are provided with an effective procedure that protects them, following the government's decision to replace the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) system.

Community Care together with Edge Training have created a survey to get views on the proposed LPS system. The survey has been designed to provide evidence to the House of Lords and Commons on the views of people working in health and social care. The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPSsurvey> . Closing date for this survey is 28th August 2018.



Multi-Agency Hoarding Framework

Guidance for Practitioners in Kirklees

Hoarding is the excessive collection and retention of any material to the point that living space is sufficiently cluttered to preclude activities for what they are designed for.

Hoarding disorder is a persistent difficulty in discarding or parting with possessions because of a perceived need to save them. A person with a hoarding disorder experiences distress at the thought of getting rid of the items. Excessive accumulation of items, regardless of actual value, occurs.

This updated document sets out a framework for collaborative multi-agency working within Kirklees using a 'person centred solution' based model. The protocol offers clear guidance to staff working with people who hoard.

This framework applies to all agencies and professionals within Kirklees area who are working with or supporting people who may hoard and those who have signed up to the Protocol.



There is an expectation that everyone in partnership with the protocol engages fully to achieve the best outcome for the individual, while meeting the requirements and duties of their agency or Board.

This framework is supported by the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board.

To view the new Multi-Agency Hoarding Framework, visit <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/adult-social-care-providers/pdf/ksab-multi-agency-hoarding-framework-guidance.pdf>

Updated Multi-Agency Hoarding Framework Guidance for Practitioners in Kirklees Training available

Target group: The Independent sector, The Safeguarding Network, All Age, and Adult staff, all other Council staff other than Children's services staff



Please note that due to limited capacity, and to ensure that all staff are made aware of the amendments to the Kirklees Multi Agency Hoarding Framework, there will be an expectation that all attendees will cascade the information across their team. If you are unable to cascade the information please ensure someone from your team who is able to, applies to attend one of the briefings.

Date	Duration
28/08/2018 10:00 BST - 28/08/2018 11:30 BST [WBC286 Trainer Dale Gardiner] Huddersfield Fire Station, Outcote Bank, Huddersfield. HD1 2JT	1 hours 30 minutes
30/08/2018 10:00 BST - 30/08/2018 11:30 BST [WBC286 Trainer Dale Gardiner] Dewsbury Fire Station, Carlton Road, Dewsbury. WF13 2AT	1 hours 30 minutes

ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
0300 123 2040

New pilot programme to combat scams targeting older people



Rogue trader video being piloted by AgeUK (Ctrl and click on image to see film)

National Trading Standards Scams Team report that older people defrauded in their own homes are 2.5 times more likely to either die or go into residential care within a year.

Nearly 4,500 reported cases of fraud among the over 65s in London alone last year. Age UK warning the actual figure is likely to be much higher with people reluctant to report.

The new programme will initially be piloted in London with the aim of creating a prevention model that can be rolled out nationally.

To combat the rise of fraud and online crime affecting

older people, Age UK has launched a brand new fraud prevention and victim support pilot programme in partnership with Action Fraud. The programme aims to support older victims, and raise awareness of scams more widely to help empower older people to feel more confident at spotting and avoiding scams.

It includes three core elements:

- Awareness raising sessions for an audience of older people, friends and family
- One to one sessions for older people who are vulnerable and at risk of scams
- Specialist one to one support

sessions for older victims.

West Yorkshire Trading Standards **SAFER Project** (Scams And Frauds Education for Residents), has been helping older people and vulnerable adults across the 5 districts of West Yorkshire protect themselves from scams, frauds and doorstep crime over the last five years.

For more information see <http://www.wyjs.org.uk/trading-standards/projects-and-initiatives/safer-project/>

To sign up to receive the SAFER scam newsletter email them at: safer@wyjs.org.uk

If you think you have been a victim of fraud you should report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by using the [online reporting tool](#).

>>NEWSFLASH

Any person who has concerns that someone who has, or may have care and support needs is experiencing, or is at risk of abuse and neglect, can raise their concerns

Research for Age UK found that around two-fifths of older people across the UK – around five million in total – who believe they have been targeted by fraudsters didn't report it to an official channel

Kirklees Involvement Network's (KIN) New Project



Happy Healthy Relationships Project



We have been awarded £5,000 by The Safer Communities fund to set up a project to protect local adults with a learning disability from Sexual Exploitation (SE). We will work with victims to produce a training pack and film. Please contact us if you are interested in a free training session.

Sexual exploitation is abuse: It is when a person is used for sex.

The abuser may befriend you, be nice to you, buy you nice things and take you out. Then they may ask you to do things you don't want to do.

We want to empower local people with a learning disability so they can stay safe. Are you a person with a learning disability who has been a victim of SE, or a professional who works in the field who could help us?





People with a learning disability are much more vulnerable to SE.

They don't have enough sex education or relationship training.

Support Services often cannot help victims with a learning disability

We meet every Wednesday in Huddersfield. Please come along.

FOR MORE INFO & TO GET INVOLVED:

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Kirklees Involvement Network (KIN) Training

Protecting adults with a learning disability from Sexual Exploitation. Free Training for Professionals



10.00 am



1.00 pm



When: National Hate Crime Awareness Week :October 18th

Time: 10am to 1.00pm

Where: The Theatre Huddersfield Mission. Lord Street
Light Lunch and Refreshments Provided & **Free Resource Pack.**

Kirklees Involvement Network is a local self-advocacy group of adults with a learning disability. (LD) We applied for some money from the Police & Crime Commissioner, to raise awareness of Hate Crime & Sexual Exploitation of people with LD in Kirklees. This training will be delivered by survivors of Sexual Exploitation themselves along with our training team, you will learn all about Learning disability and exploitation and tips on how to support victims

For more information or to book your free place Call Sarah Roberts on 07710020235.





Joint Serious Case Review (Sexual Exploitation)

“The future – I take each day as it comes.... I have proved everyone wrong. I am learning to manage. There are people I can get in touch with. I know support will always be there for me.”

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) and the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) have published a Joint Serious Case review to consider and learn from sexual exploitation involving children and young adults in Newcastle. The Joint Serious Case Review fulfils the NSAB's duty under Section 44 of the Care Act (2014) to undertake Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

The NSAB and NSCB decided to undertake the review in 2015 when there was increased awareness of the prevalence of sexual exploitation that had been occurring in the Newcastle area.

The review has been undertaken by an Independent Review Team with experience in safeguarding adults and children from police, health, education and social work perspectives.

The report contains a number of local and national recommendations. Some of the key learning points which have been carefully considered include: the complex nature of sexual exploitation; the extreme and long lasting impact it has on victims; that sexual exploitation happens to adults as well as children; and difficulties in identifying and preventing

Working with victims has reinforced the importance of intense and long term support required to gain their trust and also to help them understand their experience and in doing so enable them to talk about this. The primary aim to support and protect victims from further exploitation and to help them so far as possible to rebuild positive lives.

To read the full report see

[Joint Serious Case Review report](#)

>>NEWSFLASH

The experience of the adult at risk: “Tell us your concern”
The procedures to deliver this: Reporting a concern



Lessons Learned Briefing Safeguarding Adults Review: X (Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board)

The SAR described X as “one of the most challenging (of the homeless population) for homeless services”

This brief is based on the safeguarding adults review (SAR) commissioned by the Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).

SARs promote effective learning and improvement action, to prevent future deaths or serious harm occurring again. The focus is to enable lessons to be learned and applied to future cases, to prevent similar harm re occurring.

What Happened?

X was a 59 year old biological male who also presented as female. He identified as transgender. He had mental health problems, and medical intervention (hormone treatment/surgery) was not completed because of doctors’ concerns about X’s mental health. He spent time in prison due to being convicted of arson and possession of knives and an imitation firearm.

X was found dead in a caravan in Sussex in December 2014. The Coroner’s verdict recorded death through misadventure to which self-neglect contributed. X had a history of unstable housing, unable to access and sustain accommodation.

X was diagnosed by psychiatric services with paranoid personality disorder and possible learning difficulties.

He self-harmed and self-neglected. He could be threatening and violent and was vulnerable to abuse including bullying.

In July 2014, X moved from rented accommodation in Kent to Brighton. He was found by Brighton’s housing services to have made himself intentionally homeless. Consequently the LA determined it had no

duty to accommodate him. He slept rough in Brighton, supported by a day centre and rough sleeper/outreach services. He remained in Brighton up to the time he died, although occasionally returned to Kent and had contact with their outreach worker and the police. When asked why he wanted to live in Brighton he said he was lonely and frightened and had been abused whilst living in Kent. He wanted to stay in Brighton as he felt more comfortable there.

A Vulnerable Adult At Risk (VAAR) alert had been raised by the charity that had been supporting X in Kent but this was not progressed by Kent Adult Social Care because he subsequently left the area. X struggled to engage with services and was resistant to mental health assessments. He was excluded from the day centre because of his aggressive behaviour, and was himself the victim of verbal and physical abuse from others.

At the time of his death X was in contact with and / or known to a range of local services in Brighton including the council’s social care and housing services, health services and the voluntary sector. The SAR notes that the chronology drawn from all agencies involved “illustrates X’s struggle to manage his life and the impact of this on him and those with whom he came into contact, including the level of demand on the range of agencies involved”

What did the SAR tell us?

X had complex health and social care needs, was resistant to interventions by mental health services and is. The combination of X’s own vulnerability and the threat of harm he posed to others were serious and concerning.

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Although a range of services were in place to address X's needs, with the potential to join together, this didn't happen. The SAR states that the barriers to multi-agency working included the lack of agreement about X's mental health needs and learning difficulties and X's own unwillingness to engage with these services.

Although individual agency procedures were mainly followed, they were not person focussed e.g. the LA's focus on getting X to move back to Kent in order for that authority to provide accommodation for him, even though records show he was considered vulnerable due to bullying in his previous accommodation in Kent. The SAR recognises that X may have felt his voice went unheard. Staff from the community and voluntary sector showed greater flexibility in their dealings with X.

The SAR references the existing procedures in place to protect and support X (the multi-agency procedures for Safeguarding Adults at Risk, and the multi-agency Neglect Procedures) were largely not implemented. Consequently, a multi-agency partnership led approach was not achieved. There were no arrangements in place for the notification of a person's move out of area, where an alert remains outstanding. Had this alert been picked up by Brighton a joined up multi-agency approach could have been started earlier.

Given the information available when X came to Brighton as homeless, it would have been clear that he was a vulnerable person with complex needs and that a planned, coordinated multi agency approach was needed. The SAR identifies this as the first of many missed opportunities to intervene in a managed and purposeful way.

What can we do now? (*Worded as generic actions although the SAR specifies the authorities which were subject to it*)

Information sharing:

- If working with someone who has moved from another LA area and they are subject to an alert / referral due to their vulnerability, promptly seek information about that alert from the previous authority. Use this to inform your own multi agency risk assessment to determine the best course of action.

- Information sought from the person's previous authority should include relevant housing and medical information relating to them. Take this into account in decision making about access to services.

Assessment of risk:

- ASC should review how it maintains oversight and management of safeguarding alerts, to ensure agreed standards are complied with, including risk assessment, appropriate recording and a collective agreement where multiple agencies are influencing someone's wellbeing.

Working with people who are homeless / self-neglect

- For staff whose work brings them into contact with homeless people, make sure you know how the wider safeguarding policies and procedures apply to this group, alongside your own agency responsibilities.

- If you work with people who self-neglect; understand the agreed thresholds at which self-neglect becomes a safeguarding issue prompting action under safeguarding procedures.

Working with people who have (or are suspected of having) a Personality Disorder condition

- There should be a clear and coordinated assessment, referral and interventions pathway in place for people with a diagnosed or suspected Personality Disorders, and that this is understood.

- Staff working within the mental health homeless and LD team should review strategies for engaging with service users particularly where people are affected by Personality Disorder.

The full SAR is available here:
<http://brightonandhove.sab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Safeguarding-Adult-Review-Final-Publication-April-2017-3.pdf>

Paraffin-based creams

There is documented evidence following Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) highlighting that following fatal accidental fires in the home, adults with care and support needs may be of an increased risk of fire. However, these traits are not always recognised by their care provider and are not shared with Fire and Rescue Services who are best placed to offer advice, guidance and support.

Information on SARs / SCRs

[Walsall Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Serious Case Review](#)

Coventry Safeguarding Adults' Board Serious Incident Review
Executive Summary in respect of Miss G, died 2013 (CSAB/SIR/1)

[Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Serious Incident Review](#)

Public sector organisations have a duty under the Care Act 2014 to work effectively and in partnership to ensure that individuals can continue living independently, safely in their own home for as long as possible.

Fire Service data analysis concludes that casualties of accidental dwelling fires who are in receipt of care and support, are more likely to be severely injured or die as a result of the fire.



Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) National Repository

Commissioned by the Department of Health, a library of Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) reports is being developed jointly by Research in Practice for Adults (RiPfA) and Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE), working closely with colleagues from the sector.

The SAR library will contain reports and associated resources to support those involved in commissioning, conducting and quality assuring SARs. The aim is to maximise the value of individual SARs through two different kinds of resource. One will support the quality of individual SARs and the other will enable more widespread and effective use of the learning from SARs.



For more information and to access this resource library please go to
<https://www.scie.org.uk/safeguarding/adults/reviews/library/apply>

>>NEWSFLASH

Experience of the adult at risk: "Together we will consider how best to help you"
The procedures to deliver this: Responding to the concern/information gathering

KSAB Network Event: ~ Professional Curiosity ~

Sharing the learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Children's Serious Case Reviews where Domestic Abuse has been present

Monday 25 July 2018 – Textile Centre, Huddersfield

Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board were pleased to present this rescheduled networking event which had been postponed from earlier in the year due to snow.

The aim of KSAB networking events are to build relationships between organisations; to share information and increase knowledge about various topics. This event brought together people from partner agencies with a shared interest in learning about risk that Domestic Abuse (DA) poses for keeping both children and adults safe.

Delegates were made up of representatives from across the 3 Board including Adult and Children's Services, Police, Locala, Health and Safer Communities. Representatives from Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, Women's Aid and Pennine Domestic Violence Group, MENCAP and Mental Health were also represented.

Keynote Speaker: Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding: Lucy Giles, Knowledge Hub Advisor, Safe Lives

Sharing the Joint Learning from Mr G: A Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Review: Amanda Evans, Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations

Sharing the Joint Learning from a Serious Case Review: Peter Ward, Independent Author

Sharing the Joint Learning from a Domestic Homicide Review: David Hunter & Paul Cheeseman, Independent Authors



Amanda Evans and Martyn Hunt

By the end of the event delegates had:

- Examined key themes and learning arising from Serious Adult Reviews Serious Case Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Considered how to utilise the learning from these reviews to influence their organisation and their own safeguarding practice
- Explored the impact of Domestic Abuse on the whole family
- A clearer professional understanding of Coercive Control
- Considered the importance of employing professional curiosity to see beyond just an 'isolated' incident.

The event, which took place at the start of Kirklees Safeguarding Week 2018, was very well received by delegates.



Special feature

Kirklees Safeguarding Week

June saw Kirklees celebrating Safeguarding Week 2018 for a 3rd year. This year a county wide decision was made to hold Safeguarding Week jointly with our colleagues across the West Yorkshire region earlier than the usual date of end October.

Safeguarding Week is a yearly initiative to raise awareness of the many safeguarding issues facing our communities and how we can all help to protect the most vulnerable across our region.

Vulnerability is a wide ranging term and can take many forms. A person is vulnerable if as a result of their situation or circumstances they are unable to take care or protect themselves, or others, from harm or exploitation or other adverse impact on their quality of life.

Factors that can contribute to vulnerability are equally wide ranging and can include mental health, age and substance misuse to name a few.

Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board (KSCB), Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) and Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) all played their part in organising a rich and varied series of events, workshops and briefings.

Events organised and co-ordinated by KSCB included:

Safeguarding Week Blog: Sheila Lock, Independent Chair of the KSCB

Sheila released a message to mark the start of Safeguarding Week 2018.

Children's Vulnerability Symposium

Workshops and opportunity for participants to engage in multi-agency focused discussions on three different types of vulnerability for children and young people.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Supporting practitioners in responding appropriately to harmful sexual behaviour learning outcomes

New Child Safeguarding Practice Review Process (Formerly SCRs)

Briefing to inform staff of the new process for completion of Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

Local Safeguarding Practice Reviews: Lessons for the Frontline

To summarise, analyse and evaluate recent SCRs in Kirklees and the lessons learned

Perinatal Mental Health and Safeguarding

Looking at assessment and risks a little about medication, mother and baby unit beds, perinatal care planning, case example and an outline of NICE guidance

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Events organised and co-ordinated by CSP included:

Hate Crime and Safeguarding

Supporting professionals to respond to reports of hate crime/incidents whilst raising awareness of the definition, types and safeguarding considerations

WRAP raising awareness of Prevent

Providing a greater understanding of Prevent and why it applies

Channel awareness raising session

To define the national and local context of Channel, including the process under the Prevent Statutory 2015 and generate an understanding of support available to those at risk of being radicalised or drawn into extremism within Kirklees.

Domestic Abuse Programmes

A briefing for multi-agency professionals to introduce 3 Domestic Abuse group programmes; Liberty, Step Up and Healthy Relationships

Reducing the risk, promoting choice - Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse to leave or end an abusive relationship

Exploring ways professionals can support victims of domestic abuse to identify options and assess and manage risk limiting the potential harm faced by victims and their children at the point of leaving or having left an abusive relationship

Gang Awareness

An event for students and parents of students who attend Moor End Academy to provide gang awareness, risky behaviour, impact on family and the wider community, consequences and how they can safeguard themselves

Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) approached Safeguarding Week 2018 slightly differently this year organising only one event and jointly organising another with CSP and KSCB:

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) and the Joint Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy & Procedures

A short brief introducing the key changes in the new Joint Area Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures whilst exploring the concept of Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) and how MSP can be embedded into organisational culture

Professional Curiosity: Sharing the learning from SARs and SCRs where Domestic Abuse has been present

Covered in detail in article on page 10

In addition to these 2 events, KSAB joined forces with Community Plus as part of the joint Early Intervention and Prevention element of the Board's work.

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>>NEWSFLASH

Experience of the adult at risk: "We will take agreed actions to support you to be safe"
The procedures to deliver this: Safeguarding Response



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21 safeguarding workshops were delivered across Kirklees, the sessions were delivered by visiting existing community groups and planned invite workshops.

Safeguarding



Safeguarding bingo images

Safeguarding Bingo took place in some groups which created a lot of conversations about safeguarding, and sessions worked particularly well where there were existing relationships in existing groups. Group members identified peers they could share information with.

The Safeguarding Bingo raised awareness of the different types of abuse that people hadn't previously thought adults experienced (e.g. grooming) as well as helping individuals to identify their own risks and changes they could make to safeguarding themselves (e.g. by installing a chain to their door to help prevent them being scammed on their doorstep) and prompted individuals attending to identify people they knew who would benefit from the safeguarding information.

A variety of events took place in (to name a few) Dewsbury, Ravensthorpe, Batley, Dalton, Kirkburton, Honley, Lockwood and Huddersfield.

There are plans to replicate this collaborative way of working with Community Plus next year in Safeguarding Week due to the success of this year's campaign. Lessons were learned on how to improve the events to make next year even bigger and better!

*Safeguarding.
It's everyone's business*

Special thanks to everyone involved in Kirklees Safeguarding Week 2018 and we look forward to next year!





Team Award!

We were absolutely delighted that our Daily Risk Assessment Management Meeting (DRAMM) and Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) team were chosen by the Council's Chief Executive, Jacqui Gedman to be awarded the Team Kirklees award in March.

The theme of the month was diversity and they were nominated by the Service Manager for Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding Partnerships because they are critical in ensuring that high risk victims of domestic abuse receive the highest quality multi-agency response to keep them safe in a timely manner.



March's Team Kirklees Winners

Domestic abuse affects people from all walks of life so we have to ensure that the services we offer reflect the often different needs of our diverse communities (including ethnicity, LGBTQ, male victims, children, older people etc.)

You can watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt0ovUvSyt4&feature=youtu.be>

Kirklees Council has recently become accredited with White Ribbon; a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls.

This is done in a variety of different ways such as

raising awareness through publicity; working with Local Authorities and other statutory agencies and voluntary sector organisations; working with sporting clubs and encouraging those in support of the campaign (particularly males) to take the pledge and/or



become ambassadors. We celebrated this achievement with the other four West Yorkshire Local Authorities at a launch event in July.

For a full report, see [All 5 Councils join the PCC to make a stand against Domestic Violence with The White Ribbon campaign](#)

Launch of new Kirklees Refuge

Further good news is around our largest third sector provider of domestic abuse services, Pennine Domestic Violence Group opening their brand new refuge in March 2018. This property has been fully refurbished and has increased the number of bed spaces we have to provide emergency refuge accommodation for women and children.

You can watch the launch video here

<https://youtu.be/GHmb2AJnQIE>

We know that in line with national figures, the number of people reporting domestic abuse continues to rise. This shouldn't necessarily be seen as a negative thing as it shows that victims feel more confident to report their concerns through increased awareness of the issues and a more holistic response from partners. However, the volume of cases means that domestic abuse does need to remain a high priority. The Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership will continue to drive this agenda locally and ensure we provide the best possible services for victims and families.

The new refuge can also accommodate victims with a disability through a specially adapted suite



Do you know someone facing Honour Based Abuse?

Karma Nirvana Face to Face Advocacy Service

is a service to both Victims of Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage, as well as professionals – having a referral point to ensure that victims they are working with are able to access Advocacy support as well as emotional and practical support, on a face to face level in West Yorkshire.

Offering:

Face to face support for victims and survivors of Forced marriage and honour-based abuse.

Confidential emotional support using an empathic, non-judgmental, victim focussed approach.

Experts that recognise the risks of these issues and can assess accordingly.

Assistance accessing relevant services/ organisations using a multi-agency approach with both voluntary and statutory organisations in West Yorkshire.

Someone who can speak to professionals on the victim/survivor's behalf when they feel they cannot themselves.

A professional who can advocate to professionals in order to ensure specific risks are understood and handled correctly in accordance with the statutory guidelines.

The service has been open to referrals since September 2017 – and so far has taken over 20 referrals - and worked with many victims to ensure that they are safe,

supported and have someone who can give them a voice to reach out to other agencies for help, when they feel like they cannot.

Referrals can only be made by professionals and the victim must give consent in order for the service to contact them.

Face to face support will be for 6 weeks. Following this, the victim/survivor will have ongoing support from the helpline if needed.

Karma Nirvana does not offer legal advice however can refer to relevant services that do.

Contact information:

Email:

h.schiffeldrin@karmanirvana.org.uk (advocacy referrals/enquiries)

Telephone helpline:

0800 5999247

Website:

www.karmanirvana.org.uk

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Experience of the adult at risk: "We will check that we have addressed your concerns"
The procedures to deliver this: Outcomes and Closure (Including Plan and Review)



12% of regions reported exploitation of adults with physical disabilities

County Lines

What is county lines?

County lines is the police term for urban gangs supplying drugs to suburban areas and market and coastal towns using dedicated mobile phone lines or “deal lines”.

It involves child criminal exploitation (CCE) as gangs use children and vulnerable people to move drugs and money.

Gangs establish a base in the market location, this can include taking over the homes of local vulnerable adults by force or coercion in a practice referred to as ‘cuckooing’.

County lines is a major, cross-cutting issue involving drugs, violence, gangs, safeguarding, criminal and sexual exploitation, modern slavery, and missing persons; and the response to tackle it involves the police, the National Crime Agency, a wide range of Government departments, local government agencies and VCS (voluntary and community sector) organisations.

County lines activity and the associated violence, drug dealing and exploitation has a devastating impact on young people, vulnerable adults and local communities. (Home Office 2017)

Who does it affect?

- Any child or young person. Children as young as 12 years old being exploited by gangs to courier drugs out of their local area; 15-16 years is the most common age range.
- Any vulnerable adult.
- Both males and females being exploited.
- White British children being targeted because gangs perceive they are more likely to evade police detection.
- Class A drug users being targeted so that gangs can take over their homes (known as ‘cuckooing’).

A conservative estimate is that 720 ‘lines’ are operating across England and Wales. Estimated 283 originate in London.

West Yorkshire Is an exporting force, this means that it has an internal drug market robust enough to prevent external organised crime groups establishing new drug lines in our area.

- Currently there are only 2 known county lines in West Yorkshire
- These are Bradford to Bridlington and Leeds to Scarborough
- Current intelligence picture very poor so true picture not fully understood
- Drug lines tend to have names i.e. ‘Helen’ Line, ‘Billy’ line – sign to look out for.

Vulnerability Factors

Factors that heighten a person’s vulnerability include:

- Having prior experience of neglect, physical and/ or sexual abuse;
- Lack of a safe/stable home environment, now or in the past
- (domestic violence or parental substance misuse, mental health issues or criminality, for example);
- Social isolation or social difficulties;

Economic vulnerability;

- Homelessness or insecure accommodation status;
- Connections with other people involved in gangs;
- Having a physical or learning disability;
- Having mental health or substance misuse issues;
- Being in care (particularly those in residential care and those with interrupted care histories).

(Home Office 2017)

Where there are concerns that a child or young person may have been criminally exploited, the Police and Children’s Social Care should, form the first point of contact with the young person, pursue a safeguarding, rather than criminal justice, response.

In respect of vulnerable adults or adults at risk reference to the combined area multi agency safeguarding adult’s policy and procedures is advised.

For national guidance on Criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: county lines see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines>



37% of regions reported exploitation of adults with mental health problems



Asif (Ash) Manzoor

Following an external recruitment process, we are delighted to report that Asif (Ash) Manzoor has been appointed to the post of Safeguarding Adult Partnership Manager.

Ash will bring a wealth of experience and insight across to this new challenge which he is keen to immerse himself in.

Ash has worked for over 25 years in Adult Social Care and has extensive knowledge and experience of Safeguarding Adults and Partnership working.

I know you will all welcome Ash in his new role and continue to support him and the Safeguarding Partnership Team in ensuring the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board works effectively in meeting operational and strategic objectives.

Paulette Morris

Congratulations to Paulette Morris for being successfully appointed into Elaine Crossley's former position and becoming Service Manager for Safeguarding



Elaine Crossley

Back in May, we said a fond farewell to Elaine Crossley, Service Manager for Safeguarding who retired from her position as Service Manager for Safeguarding.

Elaine still works part time within the service, carrying out some focussed project work.

Elaine started working in the Probation Service but moved to the Council 15 years ago where she has held a number of positions, including working in Learning Disability, before progressing upwards to manage the Safeguarding Team. Throughout her time here, and indeed her whole career, she has worked tirelessly to ensure that vulnerable people are safeguarded and led the team through a number of challenges.

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The new policy is, in essence, a move away from the focus on process to a simpler person focussed approach