**SANDWELL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD**

**STRATEGIC PLAN & WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017-18**

**INTRODUCTION**

With the implementation of the Care Act from April 2015 each Local Authority (which has the lead responsibility) has set up a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). The statutory guidance states that “the main objective of a SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area who meet the criteria” (for safeguarding). This Plan builds on the previous work by the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board.

One of the duties of the Board is to produce a Strategic Plan and Annual Report. The Plan should be published each year but can cover 3-5 years. The statutory guidance states that the Plan “must set out how it will help adults in its area and what actions each member of the SAB will take to deliver the strategic plan and protect better.”

This Plan is the third revision covering the period of 2017-18 however, it sits within an over-arching three-year Strategic Plan (2015-18) under the Care Act Provision for Sandwell. It has been consulted upon with Healthwatch and will be shared with representatives of people who use services through various groups and forums. It will also soon be available in an Easy Read version. This plan also incorporates an agreed Prevention of Violence and Exploitation theme “Support victims of violence and exploitation and enable their recovery” developed in conjunction with the Police, Health & Wellbeing Board, Community Safety Partnership, DASP and the SSCB. The key actions have been adopted and are shown in the existing sub-group priorities. The SSAB Operations Manager is a member of the Prevention of Violence and Exploitation (PoVE) Task and Finish Group ensuring effective coordination, contribution and development on both agenda’s. The actions agreed on the PoVe Action Plan to support the identified theme are reflected in the work plans of the sub-groups of SSAB.

The Plan will be complemented by an Annual Report in which the SAB and its members (particularly Sandwell MBC, West Midlands Police, Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group [the 3 funding partners], and NHS Trusts) report on their contribution to implementing and delivering the Strategic Plan. Each statutory agency will be accountable to the Board on their progress and contribution to the Strategic Plan.

**This Plan has three sections, which relate to the three sub-groups of the main Board:**

* Prevention, Learning & Development – how do we raise awareness in the community and prevent abuse or neglect occurring? And how do we equip all staff and the community to recognise, report and manage abuse/neglect?
* Quality and Excellence – how do we monitor the quality of care and make sure safeguarding practice is of a high quality?
* Protection – how do we protect people who have been abused or are at risk of abuse or neglect and learn from events?

Each section lists priority actions, expected outcomes, measures, dates and the relevant organisations and lead people for each priority action.

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Independent Chair of the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board

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**STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES FOR 2016/17**

**SUB GROUP: Prevention, Learning & Development**

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| **1.** | Develop a new campaign focus engaging all key partners and service users with a considered focus on prevention of violence and a community based campaign encouraging people to be good neighbours.  Enabling the identification of effective support to be delivered in a timely fashion including oversight of the provision of support to victims of violence. | | Greater awareness of these safeguarding issues which are the subject of the campaigns. | | Hold an event with partners and relevant agencies at the end of the campaign to measure success.  -If campaign went out across social media, and internet, one measurement could be based on numbers following campaign.  -Increased number of concerns. | | Campaign to coincide with conference early October 2017. Timescales to be identified by the sub-group. | Chair of Prevention sub-group  SSAB Lead Officer  Business Support  Sub-group members |  |
| **2**. | Conference promoting staying safe, with links to prevention and building community involvement.  See Prevention of Violence & Exploitation Theme. | | Build greater links between agencies across borough, so ideas are shared and best practice celebrated via an  Event resulting in pledges where actions committed to have lead person and deadline date | | Measure success of individual pledges | | Timecales to be identified by the sub-group. | Chair of Prevention sub-group  Sub-group Chair  SSAB Lead Officer  Business Support  Sub-group members  Partners as appropriate |  |
| **3.** | Scoping exercise identifying range of prevention work happening within statutory services, and wider community. Mapping work is already taking place in SMBC Adult Services (Prevention task group, Colin Marsh) Link with development of action plan for Crisis Care Concordat. | | Gaps in mapping work identify either commissioning opportunities or areas where community assets need to be stimulated | | Map will reflect all agencies prevention work and also include prevention initiatives happening within communities. Any gaps will be identified for further development | | Proposed start date December 2016 with a completion date of March 2017 | Chair of Prevention sub-group  SSAB Lead Officer  Business Support  SMBC colleagues |  |
| **4.** | Ensure Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is at the forefront of all practice.  Be assured that the voices of victims of crimes and violence are heard giving due consideration to our adopted theme “support victims of violence and exploitation and enable their recovery”.  Be assured that access to appropriate advocacy ensuring support is given to victims of violence and exploitation to better enable their recovery.  Use Best Practice Forums to develop learning | Move to an outcomes based approach defined by people who are the subject of enquiries and safeguarding plans  Move to an outcomes based approach defined by people who are the subject of enquiries and safeguarding plans | | Evaluating the impact of learning, including whether outcomes are being achieved under MSP  Follow up the measurement through operational safeguarding – is any action required? | | Release specific Care Act eLearning, and updated process and procedures to the community via the website.  Work in conjunction with colleagues to implement MSP strategic plan across all partners first phase completion end March 2016  Plan Best Practice Forums around specific topics of interest throughout the period    Build upon and share and the extensive data base of contacts April 2016 | | SSAB Lead Officer  Safeguarding Manager  Safeguarding Team Manager and Lead Practitioner  IT/ Comms  Partners  Sub-group members  Black Country L & D group  Business support team |  |
|  | Work with partners to ensure that there is collaboration on identifying learning and development needs and how they should be met | Engage with partners more effectively | | Improved attendance at the Learning and Development Network meetings  Participation in Task and Finish Groups  Proactive rather than a reactive relationship | | Propose, discuss and assess the impact of merging the Prevention and Learning & Development sub groups to develop a more effective joint approach by April 2016. | | SSAB Lead Officer  Prevention sub-group Chair  Sub-group members |  |
|  | Improved recording of learning and development activity and evaluation:   * Review data collection methods * Increase the scope of data collection | Provide better evidence of the impact of learning and development with greater confidence and ownership of the data | | Agreed recording and evaluation reported to the Board | | Confirm data collection route in conjunction with other users by November 2015  Build upon the evaluation statistics already supplied 2016/17  Look to extend collection methods into the community 2017/18 | | SSAB Lead Officer  SSCB L & D  DASP L & D  Business Support |  |

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**STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES FOR 2016/17**

**SUB GROUP: Quality and Excellence**

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| **1.** | A re-launch of the sub-group with all statutory partners fully represented. | Agreement of assurance tools, compliance with data gathering and action to improve adult safeguarding in Sandwell. | Improved attendance and action plan. | Ongoing | All members of the board |  |
| **2.** | Self - assessment by partner agencies against the West Midlands self-audit standards | Assurance to the Board of partners’ safeguarding processes  plus remedial action where necessary | Completion of partnership audit and relevant action plans | Requires conversation regarding support to the group to complete timescales | Sub-group Chair  SSAB Lead Officer  Business Support  Sub-group members  Partners as appropriate |  |
| **3.** | Agreement of quantitative and qualitative data required to give the Board (SSAB) assurance of safeguarding quality and processes | Board assurance | Production of meaningful data – both qualitative and quantitative to tell the “story” of adult safeguarding in Sandwell – reported quarterly to the Board to be reflected in robust commentary | Ongoing on a quarterly basis | All members of the board  Sub-group Chair  SSAB Lead Officer  Business Support  Partners as appropriate |  |
| **4.** | To monitor the appropriate use of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) | The Board is assured about the application of the DoLS | Via twice yearly reports from the Supervisory Body to the Board | Twice yearly | DoLS’ Sub group |  |
| **5.** | Monitor the implementation of Making Safeguarding Personal and the impact for service users.  Ensure the appropriate use of advocacy. | To improve the experience of safeguarding activity for service users building on coproduced assessments and risk management including positive risk taking | By using qualitative data and engaging service users in the development of a service user engagement plan | Timescales to be identified by the sub-group with an intention to have a development plan by March 2017 | Sub-group Chair  SSAB Lead Officer  Business Support  Partners as appropriate |  |

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**SUB GROUP: Protection**

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| **1.** | Care Act Readiness – ensure local policies and procedures are rewritten in line with West Midlands guidelines and agreed by the Board | Compliance with Care Act requirements by all partners | New policies and procedures agreed by the Board | Ongoing | Safeguarding Manager/ SSAB Lead Officer |  |
| **2.** | Arrange for Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) to be undertaken as required – produce reports and action plans as a result | To improve practice as a result of lessons learnt from any Review(s) | Reviews undertaken as required – reported to the Board to confirm learning from review(s) | As and when required | Safeguarding Manager/ SSAB Lead Officer  Sub-group members |  |
| **3.** | Ensure clear position of trust process in place across all agencies | To ensure effective reporting and monitor safeguarding | Audit of processes and procedures |  | Safeguarding Manager  SSAB Lead Officer  Sub-group |  |