

MEET THE TEAM



Deb Ward – Safeguarding Board Business Manager

I am a qualified Social worker with 30 years post qualifying experience. I worked at Coventry City Council for 28 years in a range of Job Roles including; Practitioner, Team Manager, Transition Co-ordinator and Senior Practitioner. I have worked directly with the Social Policy Research Unit developing the outcomes framework and for this work and I received a best practice award from the Department of Health. I was also a Transition Co-ordinator and a Senior Practitioner in a learning disability team.

More recently I have worked as a Children’s Safeguarding Team Manager delivering on effective multi-agency services.



Lisa Roberts – Business Support

I have worked for Sandwell Council for 16 years. In 2007 I moved to the Safeguarding Adults board where I was the DoLS Administrator. Due to re-structure within the team I was appointed as the Safeguarding Adults Board Senior Business Support Officer where I support the SSAB, the Board Business Manager and the Chairs of the Sub-groups. In this role I ensure that the meetings are arranged and that the minutes and distributed to all of the members. I am also responsible for the minute taking of the SSAB meetings.



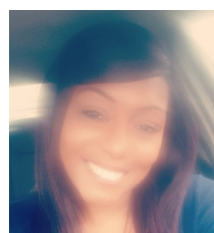
Sue Clark Lead Officer - Improvement and Learning & Development

I have worked for Sandwell Council for 30 years in a variety of community led roles, in several areas, including Libraries, Learning and Information Centres and Community Centres. I am also the Chair of the Senior Committee for the West Bromwich Youth Council, working with community groups. Currently I am the Lead Officer for Improvement and Learning & Development for the SSAB co-ordinating training and community engagement as well as supporting the Prevention, Learning and Development and Quality and Excellence Sub Groups.



Michelle Moore Lead Officer—Protection

I have worked in a variety of roles within Social Care for over thirty years, but this is my first role in Sandwell . I worked previously as a Mental Capacity Act Project Worker for Birmingham and Sandwell CCGs, Prior to that, I was a Hospital Social Worker and a Best Interest Assessor, and have additional ex-perience of managing residential units for groups of people with dementia; physical and learning disabilities and dual sensory loss. I have also managed domiciliary services and befriending services. I am currently on secondment to the Learning and Research Associate WM Social work Teaching Partner.



Charmaine Stephens Seconded Lead Officer—Protection

Hello! My name is Charmaine Stephens, I am the new lead for Protection. I am a qualified social worker and Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) with nine years of practice. I previously worked as a social worker/care coordinator in the Early Intervention Service (EIS) which involved working with young people aged 14 – 35 years old diagnosed with First Episode Psychosis. The role in-volved working alongside service users, carers and agencies such as the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust (inpatient and outpatient services), Clinical Commissioning Groups and voluntary agencies. I’m thrilled to have been given the opportunity to join the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board and look forward to expanding my knowledge and skills



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Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Conference 2016

On the 19th of May 2016 Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board ran a successful conference bringing together people from a range of backgrounds and professions.

Outside speakers from across the country delivered informative presentations on ‘The Think Family Approach’ ensuring that when we are working with people we are considering safeguarding issues, and we do so in the context of the whole family.

Making safeguarding personal focusing on how we engage adults with support needs in all

decision making and planning effectively. Hate crime and what that looks like in Sandwell and the work the police are doing with partners to address it.

The role of Trading Standards in assisting to safeguard the people of Sandwell.

Colleagues from Public Health also identified their role in enabling the people of Sandwell to stay safe and promoted their campaign ‘Sandwell Feel Good 6’. Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Conference 2016.



As well as presentations there were workshops enabling all participants to develop the themes identified earlier in the presentations and learn from one another. It was a very positive day with lots of activity.

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What happens next?

Trading Standards to continue to work with the board and Adult Social Care to develop a screening tool that will highlight the risk of financial abuse.

Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board to continue to work in partnership with Public Health ensuring safeguarding continues to be everybody’s business.



Multi-Agency Hoarding Pathway Launch

On the 6th October 2016 the SSAB in partnership with SMBC Neighbourhoods and West Midlands Fire Service launched the Sandwell Multi-Agency Hoarding Pathway. The event was really well attended and the pathway is available both in hard copy and on our website www.sandwellsab.org.uk. Guest speakers included Dee Zimmerman and Jo Cooke, as well as Alan Swift from West Midlands Fire Service.



Self—Neglect Guidance Launch

The SSAB hosted a review of the hoarding pathway on the 17th March 2017 as well as the launch of the Self Neglect guidance document. Guest speakers included Denise Hooper from SMBC Neighbourhoods and Heather Matuozzo from Clouds End.

Attendees also saw the Birmingham Safeguarding Boards DVD entitled Keith's story—a true life account of a hoarder which everyone found fascinating.

Hate Crime Week October 2016

National Hate Crime Action Week was set up by an organisation called 17-24-30 after the three combined dates of the three London nail bombings that took place in Brixton (17th April), Brick Lane (24th April) and Soho (30th April) 1999. The purpose of the week is to encourage organisations such as the Police, Council and others to remember these victims and to work in partnership with other organisations to raise awareness of Hate Crimes and Incidents.

During Hate Crime week (October 8th – 15th 2016) Sandwell held a number of events, these events were aimed around raising the awareness of what a Hate Crime/Incident is, how to report such instances along with how victims can get support from local and national organisations.

On Monday 10th October 2016 a Best Practice Forum on Hate Crime was held featuring a variety of speakers at Sandwell Council House between 10.00am and 2.00pm. As part of the main event on Monday 10th October at the Sandwell Best Practice Forum Sandwell Third Party Reporting Centres (where you can report a Hate Crime/Incident without having to go to a police station in the first instance (e.g. Terrence Higgins Trust in Oldbury, Local Sandwell Council Offices) and all of the attendees signed a pledge on how they will work to tackle Hate Crimes/Incidents in Sandwell and beyond.

The events were set up by the Safer Sandwell Hate Crime Partnership Group, a group of Sandwell organisations that come together on a regular basis to tackle issues relating to Hate Crimes and Incidents within Sandwell.



TRAINING

Raising Awareness in Safeguarding Adults—Level 1

Half day session to provide background on the issues of Adult Safeguarding and to raise awareness of the Care Act 2014, Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and the importance of Making Safeguarding Personal.

Tuesday 8 August 2017	Coneygre Arts Centre
Tuesday 29 August 2017	Sandwell Council House, Committee Room 1
Friday 8 September 2017	Coneygre Arts Centre
Wednesday 20 September	Coneygre Arts Centre
Monday 9 October 2017	Hadley Room, Brasshouse Community Centre
Thursday 16 November 2017	Hadley Room, Brasshouse Community Centre
Tuesday 21 November 2017	Combined Room, Independent Living Centre
Wednesday 6 December 2017	Lodge Road Community Centre
Friday 12 January 2018	Combined Room, Independent Living Centre
Monday 12 February 2018	Lodge Road Community Centre
Wednesday 14 March 2018	Lodge Road Community Centre
Thursday 5 April 2018	Hadley Room, Brasshouse Community Centre
Tuesday 8 May 2018	Hadley Room, Brasshouse Community Centre
Friday 8 June 2018	Combined Room, Independent Living Centre
Wednesday 11 July 2018	Combined Room, Independent Living Centre

Morning sessions are available 9.30am - 12.30pm. Afternoon sessions are available 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: Practice and Process for Managing Authorities Level 2

Half day session to give knowledge required to complete a DoLS referral. Delegates gain practical opportunities to use knowledge in a case situation.

Tuesday 19 September 2017	Committee Room A, West Bromwich Town Hall, 1.30pm - 4pm
Tuesday 21 November 2017	Sandwell Council House, Annexe 1, 1pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday 31 January 2018	Combined Room, Independent Living Centre, 10.30am - 1pm
Thursday 29th March 2018	Combined Room, Independent Living Centre 10.30am - 1pm

Safeguarding for Managers and Practitioners

Half day session to provide operational Managers and Practitioners with an opportunity to work together to address the challenges of ensuring effective safeguarding practice within the guidance of the CARE Act 2014.

Managers Training – Level 3

Thursday 28 September 2017	1.30pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 8 March 2018	11am - 1pm

Practitioners Training – Level 2

Friday 27 October 2017	1pm - 3pm
Thursday 15 March 2018	11am - 1pm

Committee Room A, West Bromwich Town Hall, High Street, West Bromwich B

Venues:

Coneygre Arts Centre, Sedgley Road East, Tipton DY4 8UH
 Council Chambers, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury B69 3DE
 Brasshouse Community Centre, Brasshouse Lane, Smethwick B66 1BA
 Independent Living Centre, 100 Oldbury Road, Smethwick B66 1JE
 Lodge Road Community Centre, West Bromwich B70 8PJ
 West Bromwich Town Hall, High Street, West Bromwich B70 8DY

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