



<b>Meeting</b>	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board
<b>Date</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020
<b>Present</b>	<p><b>Elaine Coleridge-Smith</b> (<i>Independent Chair, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)            Jo Galloway (<i>Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Groups</i>)            Pete Hill (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)            Nigel Minns (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>)</p> <p><b><u>In attendance:</u></b>            Amrita Sharma (<i>Business Manager, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	None

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1.	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Independent Chair of Warwickshire Safeguarding welcomed members to the meeting, with no apologies to note.</p>		
2.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes from the meeting held on 28 October 2020 were deemed as an accurate record with no amendments required.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Pete reported that he was still waiting to hear back from colleagues in other areas in respect of what work other Safeguarding Partnerships are undertaking during the pandemic.</p> <p>Pete confirmed that Dave Andrews had now made contact with Rachel Jackson and discussions were underway to finalise the local arrangements for the Modern Slavery Reception Centres.</p> <p>The Chair reported on regional discussions/concerns raised by other Independent Chairs on the subject of LeDeR reviews and potential heightened vulnerability of people with learning difficulties during the pandemic. It was agreed that this matter be monitored locally, any further feedback from the regional/national network be considered at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Update members on feedback from National contact regarding areas of work other Safeguarding Partnerships are undertaking during the pandemic</p> <p>Keep WSEB informed of any further information forthcoming from the regional/national networks pertaining to LeDer reviews</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>ECS</p>



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3.	<p><b>Covid-19 Updates and Winter Planning</b></p> <p>Each of the Executive Members provided an update on measures being put in place to manage the on-going COVID situation and preparing for winter pressures on services.</p> <p><b>Health</b> Health Services are continuing to operate under pressures brought about by Covid-19 affecting staffing levels and capacity. Services are preparing to roll out Covid vaccinations on top of maintaining existing testing services, winter pressures and flu vaccination programmes. Arrangements have now also been put in place to support discharging from hospitals to 'blue beds' for those affected by Covid-19 to manage re-admission into care homes. This is in addition to the three local CCG's undergoing their structural review which will see the implementation of changes come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.</p> <p><b>Local Authority</b> Hospital discharge arrangements remain a focus for the council and where possible, the majority of residents are enabled to go back home or return to their respective care homes. Demand remains high across Adult Social Care within services supporting people with learning disabilities/physical disabilities – Reablement Services are still doing full visits and supporting service users on a face-to-face basis, where safe to do so. There is increasing demand on Children's Services as cases being referred into the MASH continue to rise, including the presentation of a lot of new referrals relating to children previously not known to Children's Services. This is placing increasing pressure on caseloads being managed by the existing workforce and recruitment of additional social workers is proving challenging within the current climate.</p> <p><b>Police</b> The service is dealing with an increasing number of Covid breaches being reported by the Public on a daily basis during the current lockdown period. Higher levels of</p>		



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	<p>staff absences now being experienced due to the need to self-isolate which is challenging capacity and putting pressure on the service. Notable increase in the number of neglect cases being picked-up/reported compared to this time last year albeit, levels of Domestic Abuse cases now appear to have levelled in line with number of cases in previous years; this continues to be monitored closely. The outcome of the Government's decision in respect of continued restrictions beyond this current national lockdown will determine the challenges on service delivery and capacity over the forthcoming festive period. This is in addition to service restructures currently being rolled out across the area which will potentially impact on existing services.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the three members for their detailed reports and acknowledged the challenging conditions within which each of their areas were operating and expressed her thanks and gratitude to all their workforces.</p>		
4.	<p><b>Amnesty Report – Protecting Older People in Care Homes during Covid-19</b></p> <p>Members considered the findings and recommendations of the Amnesty Report in respect of local arrangements. It was noted that local partners have continued to support Care Homes through the following arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of 'blue beds' to support hospital discharges prior to return to care home residency</li> <li>• Supplying additional PPE equipment to care homes where supplies have been running low to enable each provider to have sufficient equipment</li> <li>• Provision of laptops to those providers where they had limited, or no access to these to support video calls/meetings etc</li> <li>• Maintaining 'end of life' visitation throughout the pandemic</li> </ul>		



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	Moving forward, the guidance from Government and the availability of Covid vaccines will determine the impact on individuals within care home settings and management of visitations by families.		
5.	<p><b>Risk Register</b></p> <p>Members requested the Business Manager to liaise with each of their respective Safeguarding leads to review the WSEB risk register in light of the changing Covid landscape. Agreed that the updated WSEB Risk Register be considered at the next meeting.</p>	Liaise with Safeguarding Leads to update the existing WSEB Risk Register to capture any new emerging risks and mitigating actions ahead of the next WSEB meeting.	AS
6.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Jo Galloway queried the levels of safeguarding reviews being considered/conducted across other Safeguarding Partnerships. It was agreed that the Business Manager would explore this detail and report back to a future meeting.</p>	Identify levels of safeguarding referrals and reviews being managed by other Safeguarding Partnerships across the region.	AS
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> <i>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 9.30am</i></p>		