

Meeting	Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board Meeting
Date	26 January 2017
Present	<p>Mike Taylor, Independent Chair Andrew Nolan, Warwickshire & West Mercia Police Andy Wade, National Probation Service Alison Walshe, Director of Quality & Performance, South Warwickshire CCG Chris Evans, Designated Lead for Safeguarding (Children and Adults), Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT) Edward Williams, Adult Social Care, WCC Elizabeth Kiernan, Named Nurse for Safeguarding Adults – University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire Glynis Washington, Interim Chief Nurse, Coventry & Rugby CCG Gordana Djuric, Public Health, WCC Jenny Butlin-Moran, Service Development and Assurance Manager, WCC Cllr Jose Compton, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Karen Higgins, Healthwatch Warwickshire Kirstin Clarke, Service Manager for Older People's Service and Safeguarding, WCC Lisa Cummins, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust Michelle Norton, Executive Director of Nursing, George Eliot Hospital Mike Wood, Service Development & Assurance Manager (Adults), WCC Nick Cadd, Housing & Communities Manager, Stratford on Avon DC Rebecca Bartholomew, Chief Nurse, Warwickshire North CCG Sallie Green, South Warwickshire Foundation Trust Tracy Redgate, Lead Nurse, Safeguarding Adults Warwickshire CCG's</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Josephine Ferguson (Observer) Julia Brealey, Warwickshire & West Mercia Police Paula Mawson, Public Health, WCC Paul Spencer, Senior Democratic Services Officer, WCC</p>

Item	Discussion	Action Required <i>(if any)</i>	Owner
1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Mike Taylor, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from:</p> <p>Adrian McGee, Warwickshire & West Mercia Police Alison Davies, Warwickshire & West Mercia Police Amrita Sharma, Business Manager, WSAB Bruce Nichol, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Chris Lewington, Head of Strategic Commissioning, WCC Christine Whitehead, Interim Head of Social Care and Support, WCC Jan Dugdale, Age UK Warwickshire John Dixon, Interim Director of the People Group, WCC Kevin Dimmelow, Age UK Warwickshire</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20 October 2016 and Matters Arising</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p>		
3.	<p>Chair's Announcements</p> <p>The Chair paid tribute to Councillor Jose Compton, WCC's Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, who would be retiring at the May County Council elections. He recognised her service to the Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) and to the people of Warwickshire, presenting a card and a bouquet of flowers. Councillor Compton thanked the Board and confirmed her appreciation of the work of the Board.</p>		

	<p>The Chair reported back on meetings to examine ways to achieve efficiencies and consolidate activity with the Safeguarding Children Board. Potential options were being considered and would be reported back to a future meeting of this Board. For 2017/18 the budget profile remained unchanged, but there had not been a drawdown of funds for adult safeguarding reviews, so these resources would be carried forward.</p>	<p>WSAB to be updated on consolidation of activities with WSCB</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Presentation by the Police – County Lines Gang Violence, Exploitation and Drug Supply</p> <p>The Board received a National Crime Agency report on this topic, with a presentation of key messages from Andrew Nolan and Julia Brealey of Warwickshire and West Mercia Police. The Chair explained that a briefing had initially been provided to the Governance Group, but this topic warranted consideration by the full WSAB and other relevant bodies.</p> <p>Gangs from larger cities were travelling to Warwickshire to ply drugs, ousting local suppliers, with associated serious criminal activity to individuals and communities. There was an increasing use of weapons and targeting of vulnerable people, to make use of their premises for the supply of drugs. A local context was provided of incidents in Stratford upon Avon, the criminal activity taking place and the tensions caused through the fear of crime. The Police had responded in an operation resulting in 28 arrests and the seizure of substantial money and illegal drugs. There were wider issues for other agencies to support the vulnerable individuals who became involved in the activity of organised criminals. Examples were given of the work completed to date. It was important that all agencies shared information. The Police could deal with some issues at the local level, but at times had to escalate matters to the regional or national crime agencies. This was an issue for all agencies, not just the police.</p> <p>Reference was made to an incident where a vehicle used for the delivery of prescription drugs was stolen. There was a need for all agencies to share information to enable earlier, targeted interventions. The impact of funding constraints being faced by the County Council and others was noted. Public Health had completed a comprehensive report on drug and alcohol abuse and it was suggested that the executive summary be circulated to the Board.</p>	<p>Circulate Exec. Summary of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Report</p>	<p>Gordana Djuric</p>

	<p>The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) provided a good opportunity for agencies to work together and to share information, but some people might fall just below the thresholds of the MASH and additional mechanisms would be needed.</p> <p>The Board agreed to note the report and its findings. Furthermore, it was agreed to reference the report and its safeguarding implications to the Violence Against Women Group, the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board, the MASH and the Drug Action Management Group, to raise awareness of this issue. Vulnerable adults and children are targets to be couriers or 'cuckoo hosts'. There is also the explicit link to domestic abuse and coercion of women.</p>	<p>Refer Report to VAWG, WSCB, MASH and DAMG</p>	<p>Amrita Sharma / leads for these groups</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Presentation by Public Health, WCC – Suicide Prevention Strategy</p> <p>The Chair introduced Paula Mawson, who gave a presentation to accompany the circulated Warwickshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2016-20. A context was provided on the challenge faced. There had been 105 suicides in the two years 2013 and 2014, which was twice the number of those killed in road accidents over the same period. Statistical evidence was presented on the risk factors, the proportion of suicide victims known to medical professionals and the potential missed opportunities for intervention. The presentation listed the seven key priorities in the Strategy and the overall outcomes, leading to a zero suicide approach. This approach had been endorsed by the County Council, clinical commissioning groups and the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>Board members discussed arrangements for engagement with schools, colleges and the Children and Adult Mental Health Service. Councillor Compton related some of the harrowing accounts and powerful speeches she had heard, also commending the work of agencies and the approach being taken. From the police perspective a good information source was from individuals in police station custody suites. Incidents in prison and approved premises were discussed. There was the potential for suicide amongst some people in severe pain that had access to large doses of pain relief. This was managed by agencies in appropriate cases, but there was potential to improve information sharing and to use better questioning techniques in GP and other medical appointments.</p>		

	<p>The Chair noted the role for the Board and its sub-groups in looking at the safeguarding aspects and how agencies could work together on the Strategy's aims. He referred to the repository of safeguarding reviews, which might provide a useful resource. Other potential information sources were domestic homicide reviews and serious incident reviews. There was praise for the format of this Strategy.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Mid-year Update on WSAB Strategic Plan Priorities – What Next?</p> <p>The Chair introduced this item, which provided an overview of current performance. The Board reviewed its strategic priorities for the following year, making comments as indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Safeguarding Personal – it was suggested that the Performance Group monitors progress, with reference also to the multi-agency case file audit tool which needs to be piloted. • Safe Services – a need to reference analysis of 'near misses' and increased engagement with the Safeguarding Adults Review Repository both in the West Midlands and beyond. • A new priority was accepted by the Board around the joint working and integration with the corresponding Children's Board. <p>The Board agreed the strategic priorities as reported, being continued for 2017/18, with the addition of a formal priority for the joint working and integration with the WSCB.</p>	<p>Update the Strategic Priorities</p>	<p>Amrita Sharma</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Update Report – Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and Adult Safeguarding Pathway</p> <p>A comprehensive update was presented by Edward Williams and Kirstin Clarke of WCC. This reminded of the background to the MASH, its current performance, perceived benefits and risks and the proposed next steps for development of the MASH. Appended to the report was data on referrals and other activities being undertaken by staff working in the MASH. Brief cases studies from the first four months of operation of the Adult MASH were circulated.</p> <p>A caution was raised about the growing demand for service from increased referrals and the</p>		

	<p>potential need to review working processes. Consideration was given to the appended spreadsheet data. It was questioned whether the referral pathways were appropriate and asked how MASH activity integrated with that for the crisis care concordat, to ensure there was no duplication. Chris Evans confirmed that CWPT was involved in work to link the various aspects together. The Chair viewed this to be a positive report, with a good start having been made and there was scope to build upon the current position.</p> <p>On the next steps section of the report, there was some concern amongst health representatives over the wording used around risks of not having health represented in the MASH and serious case reviews. This would be followed up with the author. The health commissioners and providers were working through this aspect to provide a virtual presence in the MASH. The need for information sharing to inform decision making by the appropriate agency was also stated.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p>		
<p>8.</p>	<p>WSAB Sub-Committee Updates</p> <p>The Board noted the following reports.</p> <p><u>Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation - Jenny Butlin-Moran</u> A performance report had been provided for quarter three of 2016/17. This detailed the reporting issues, concerns, enquiries and enquiries concluded in the period.</p> <p><u>Policy, Procedures and Guidance – Mike Wood</u> A verbal report was provided. This Sub-Committee was identifying guidance on transition to adulthood and safeguarding. The next meeting would focus on this, to provide assurance that it is sufficiently robust and to make recommendations where necessary. The Sub-Committee had received the West Midlands Position of Trust Framework and Guidance produced by the West Midlands Adult Safeguarding Editorial Group. SABs were being asked to adopt and implement the guidance, which would be considered by the Governance Group in March.</p>		

	<p>Training - Chris Evans A verbal report was provided. Reference was made to adult safeguarding training and WCC had launched three e-learning modules to its staff. These would be shared with partners.</p>	Provide link to partners of e-learning modules	Amrita Sharma
9.	<p>WSAB Safeguarding Adults Reviews Protocol The Chair introduced this item. There were duties for Safeguarding Adults Boards arising from the Care Act, to report on Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR) in their annual reports. A SAR protocol had been developed to provide clarity on the roles, responsibilities and processes for undertaking SARs and to improve awareness, understanding and confidence in the use of the review process, as a means of extended learning. In commenting on the document, it was suggested that engagement with the Coroner's Office should be pursued. The Board agreed to share the refreshed SAR protocol, to raise awareness, understanding and confidence in the review process.</p>	Publicise the SAR Protocol	All
10	<p>West Midlands Regional Safeguarding Event The Chair publicised the West Midlands Regional Safeguarding Event, which would be held in Birmingham on 21 March 2017.</p>		
11	<p>Any Other Business None</p>		
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next WSAB meeting would be held on Thursday 11 May 2017 at 2.00pm</p>		