

Safeguarding Adults Annual report 2016-17

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This has been the opening year of the SAB having an independent chair bringing;

- greater degree of challenge to the safeguarding system
- exercise of responsibilities without agency interest
- fairness holding agencies to account
- mediation of inter agencies
- external credibility in the public perception

Is Safeguarding robust?

Local Arrangements are robust, effective and well managed with evidence of strong partnership working

Further work has commenced to develop stronger links with the LSCB, HWWB & CSP

Two development board days considered the 2016-17 plan and reviewed common issues for SAB members resulting in a revised two year Business Plan with strong themes and a new thematic approach to SAB meetings.

Key Achievements

Board Resilience;

- Reviewed Governance structure
- Creation of a SAR subgroup
- Escalation procedure for challenging cases or issues with partnership working
- Reviewed Business planning

System Assurance;

- Developed a mechanism for testing staff confidence
- Monitoring via Quarterly reports from all member organisations and updates from the LSCB

Key Issues

Large numbers of inappropriate referrals to safeguarding team from multiple disciplines-SAB to review to ensure resources are used efficiently

Lower than expected uptake to advocacy services

Recording of outcomes

Priorities 2017-2019

The two year business plan incorporates a new approach to thematic SAB meetings, involving contributions from all member organisations

Focus on SAB members understanding and delivering their roles and responsibilities

Focus on the SAB developing greater understanding of challenges such as high risk in community, quality in care market.....

Focus on the SAB developing ownership of personalised responses to safeguarding