

Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Business Development Plan 2019-20

Priority: SAB1 Effective Multi-Agency meetings / Effective Support Pathways (Joint with Leicester SAB)

Priority Statement: *Multi-agency meetings regarding vulnerable adults are effective in supporting safeguarding adults and prevention of safeguarding need*

- Rationale:**
- Lack of clear structure to support practitioners working with adults at risk that do not meet thresholds for Vulnerable Adult Risk Management process (VARM) or safeguarding.
 - Practitioners outside of specialised teams are not confident and fully aware of mechanisms available to support them in working with at risk adults outside of VARM/Safeguarding and lack confidence in:
 - Recognising safeguarding need
 - Knowing what appropriate responses are when the threshold for safeguarding is not met.
 - Knowing their responsibilities in relation to MSP/VARM/Multi-agency processes
 - Multi-agency meetings regarding adults at risk are not functioning effectively: gaps in attendance; a lack of presence of the voice of the service user or of advocacy; lack of evidence of risk.
 - Lack of formal structure to carry out Multi-agency meetings relating to adults at risk.
 - Lack of awareness amongst multi-agency practitioners of JAGs and how to access.

What do we want to be different?
 Practitioners are more confident regarding risk assessment and working in partnership to safeguard adults.
 Multi-agency meetings are effective: Relevant partners and service users contribute; Risks are clearly identified incorporating information from a variety of agencies and the individuals; Clear outcomes and actions are identified and followed up.
 Clear guidance and structure for multi-agency working beyond safeguarding enquiries and VARM is in place.

Partnership Lead: Local Authority – Laura Sanderson **Board Officer:** Gary Watts

Key delivery mechanism: Procedures Subgroup

Objective	What are we going to do?	When is it going to be done by?	Who is responsible?	How will we measure progress and impact?
An effective structure is in place to support multi-agency working to prevent safeguarding need.	Review and report on the current variety and operation of multi-agency meetings considering vulnerable adults / adults at risk including approaches regarding adult exploitation.	Sept 2019	Procedures Subgroup	Process and guidance in place Guidance disseminated to practitioners Feedback from practitioners on awareness of approach and confidence. Review outcomes of cases considered under new approach
	Develop a self-assessment framework to assess agency awareness of multi-agency approaches and pathways for 'adults at risk'.	Mar 2020	Procedures Subgroup	
	Develop a process and guidance (considering the Signs of Safety model) for Multi-agency meetings regarding 'adults at risk' where the thresholds/criteria are not met for Safeguarding enquiries / VARM including			

<p>Multi-agency meetings to safeguard adults or prevent safeguarding need for vulnerable adults are effective in identifying risk and action to take.</p>	<p>Measure current levels of confidence regarding safeguarding adults across a variety of practitioners.</p> <p>Develop guidance across multi-agency meetings to support improved engagement and involvement for all involved in meetings (including service users) and support the development of risk management and confidence in professional, defensible decision making.</p>	<p><i>Jul 2019</i></p> <p><i>Dec 2019</i></p>	<p><i>Procedures Subgroup</i></p> <p><i>Procedures Subgroup</i></p>	<p><i>Process/guidance in place. Guidance disseminated to practitioners</i></p> <p><i>Re-measure confidence</i></p> <p><i>Audit engagement in meetings.</i></p>
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Priority: SAB2 Mental Capacity

Priority Statement: Be assured that people without capacity to consent are being safeguarded

Rationale:

- *The SAB is developing guidance to support practitioners to assess and respond to capacity to consent appropriately and consistently*
- The SAB needs ongoing assurance that people without capacity to consent are being safeguarded, including a large cohort of people without capacity, who that are not subject to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.
- The Draft MCA amendment Bill outlines plans to replace DoLS with Liberty Protection Safeguards. The MCA amendments Bill is currently passing through parliament and could receive royal assent in April 2019. The move to LPS will result in significant changes to how we work locally to safeguard individuals who lack capacity to consent to care and treatment that amounts to a deprivation of liberty.

What do we want to be different?

- Be assured that people without capacity to consent are being safeguarded
- Support an effective change to LPS locally that safeguards people who do not have capacity to consent.

Partnership Lead: CCG - Rachel Garton (Guidance work only) and LIN

Board Officer: Helen Pearson

Key delivery mechanism: MC Task and Finish Group and Local Improvement Network (LIN) with Board

Objective	What are we going to do?	When is it going to be done by?	Who is responsible?	How will we measure progress and impact?
Respond to the introduction of Liberty Protection Safeguards.	Keep informed regarding the progress and timescales for implementation of Liberty Protection Safeguards. When required initiate work to implement and supplement LPS locally	<i>Mar 2020</i> <i>As required</i>	<i>Board Office</i> <i>Executive / Local Improvement Network</i>	<i>Update reports into Board.</i> <i>LPS implemented locally in a planned way with clear consideration of safeguarding principles and requirements and local need.</i>
Front line practitioners are able to assess and respond to capacity to consent appropriately and consistently	Finish current work to develop and disseminate guidance for practitioners	<i>September 2019</i>	<i>MC Task and Finish Group</i>	<i>Guidance completed and disseminated.</i> <i>Practitioner feedback on guidance.</i> <i>Test implementation</i>
Be assured that people without capacity to consent are being safeguarded	Case file audit	<i>Mar 2020</i>	<i>Audit Subgroup</i>	<i>Audit findings and follow up actions</i>

Priority: SAB3 Adult Exploitation

Priority Statement: Improving the recognition and partnership response to ‘adult criminal exploitation’

Rationale:

- There is a notable growth in cases of multiple vulnerable adults being criminally exploited in the community by individuals or groups.
- Often a number of partnership approaches are aware of these people, and there may be multiple ways to take these forwards, but these are not always well co-ordinated.
- These issues can be hidden as recent cases suggest that people who are exploited are often socially isolated.
- The public and practitioners are not always aware of indicators of adult exploitation.

What do we want to be different?

Practitioners are confident in identifying and responding to adult exploitation

The public are more aware of how to identify adult exploitation and inform public agencies of concerns they have so these can be identified and responded to earlier.

There is a clear route for involving agencies in a multi-agency approach to adult exploitation cases when it does not meet safeguarding thresholds

Partnership Lead: Police – Matt Ditcher

Board Officer: Sanjiv Pattani

Key delivery mechanism: Task and Finish Group (with links to Procedures Subgroup)

Objective	What are we going to do?	When is it going to be done by?	Who is responsible?	How will we measure progress and impact?
Practitioners are aware of and confident to work as part of the multi-agency approach to adult criminal exploitation	Within review of services and multi-agency approaches (SAB Priority 1) specifically consider services and multi-agency approaches regarding ‘adult exploitation’ to understand what approaches are in place, what partnerships and agencies have an interest or involvement in this and identify gaps.	Sept 2019	Procedures Subgroup	Guidance developed Case study disseminated Practitioner feedback on guidance
	Develop a multi-agency approach regarding Adult criminal Exploitation within the broader multi-agency framework being developed (SAB Priority 1). (To be refined to be more targeted possibly towards cuckooing)	March 2020	Task and Finish Group	Outcomes in reported cases of adult exploitation
	Develop guidance on recognising and responding to adult exploitation .(To be refined to be more targeted possibly towards cuckooing)	March 2020	Task and Finish Group	
	Develop training to be used across agencies (eg in meetings) to roll-out guidance and awareness	March 2020	Task and Finish group	

Raise public awareness of how to respond to indicators of adult criminal exploitation	Public campaign to promote what to look out for regarding adult exploitation and what to do.	<i>March 2020</i>	<i>Task and Finish Group</i>	<i>Measure number of concerns of adult exploitation raised by members of the public</i>
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