



Safeguarding Adults Board Meeting

7 May 2025, 09:30-12:30

Present:

- Michael Preston-Shoot (MPS) Independent Chair, SSAB
- Andrew Lloyd - Health Improvement Manager, Public Health, Somerset Council
- Angela Kerr - VCSFE Representative
- Carolyn Smith – Principal Social Worker, Strategic Lead for Safeguarding and DOLS
- Claire Evans – Senior Probation Officer
- David Mellor – SAR Author (Item 2)
- Emily Fulbrook – Service Director, Adult Social Care Operational Services, Somerset Council
- Gill Taylor – SAR Author (Item 4)
- Gillian Keniston-Goble – Manager, Healthwatch Somerset
- Helen Orford - Managing Director, Discovery
- Hilary Robinson – CEO, RCPA Ltd
- Jan Errington – Strategic Housing Manager, Somerset Council
- Katy Buckle – Service Manager, SWAN Advocacy
- Kirsty Larkins – Service Director Housing, Somerset Council
- Leryn Udy – Safeguarding lead, SWAST
- Lisa Simpson - Superintendent, Somerset and North Somerset Commander, Avon and Somerset Police
- Louise Curry
- Julia Mason - Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Adults, NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board
- Natalie Green - SSAB Business Manager
- Sarah Ashe – Associate Director of Quality and Nursing, NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board
- Sarah Hawker - Advanced Customer Support Senior Leader, Avon, Somerset and Gloucestershire, Department for Work and Pensions
- Shelagh Meldrum - Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board
- Simon Lewis - Head of Housing, Somerset Council
- Susan Harrison – SAR Author (Item 3)
- Tom Herbert - Detective Chief Inspector, Adults at Risk, Avon and Somerset Police

Apologies:

- Ashley Fussell - Head of Somerset Probation Delivery Unit
- Bethany Briers-Jones – Tenancy Sustainment Officer, ABRI Housing
- Jane Spencer – Safeguarding Lead, Abri Housing Association
- Lucy Macready – Head of Service, Community Safety, Somerset Council
- Matthew Hibbert- Public Health, Somerset Council
- Philip Boyce - Safeguarding & Closed Cultures, Care Quality Commission
- Rachel Donne-Davis - Health Psychologist, LeDeR, NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board
- Sarah Wakefield - Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Somerset Council
- Tracey Pugh – Safeguarding Officer, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
- Trudy Craig – Head of Quality and Governance, Somerset Care Ltd
- Vicky Chipchase - Head of Service, Adults, Policy, Performance and Assurance

- Wendy Dootson – Head of Safeguarding, Somerset NHS FT

Circulation:

All SSAB Board Members

Retention of notes

The master set of these notes and background papers are held by SSAB Business Manager. Please destroy your copy when you have finished with it and use the master set for future reference.

Item		Action by
1	Welcome, introductions, apologies:	
	Members were welcomed to the meeting by Michael and noted apologies.	
2	SAR Juliet	
	<p>David presented SAR Juliet and highlighted Juliet's history of domestic abuse, alcohol dependency, and partial sightedness. Juliet, a pseudonym, was a 63-year-old woman who died in August 2022. She had substantial contact with various agencies over the last two years of her life, which aimed to support Juliet to live independently, but she returned to her abusive partner after 9 days. It was felt that no professional truly understood or knew her and it seemed that professionals became disempowered and stuck after initial efforts failed.</p> <p>The findings and recommendations were presented, focusing on Juliet's life and the challenges she faced, including domestic abuse, alcohol dependency, and partial sightedness. Juliet experienced at least 30 years of domestic abuse in multiple relationships and was dependent on alcohol. She was in an extremely abusive relationship prior to her passing.</p> <p>Recommendations: The report made 12 recommendations, including improving MARAC processes, consistent application of HIUG criteria, considering GP practice involvement in safeguarding meetings, and enhancing support for victims of rape with protected characteristics.</p> <p>Publication: The Board decided to publish the report after ensuring Juliet's nephew has an opportunity to review it. The report will be reviewed to ensure anonymity of all those within the report.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board accepted the report and recommendations. David would attempt to contact Juliet's nephew again to allow review prior to publication. David would revise the report to ensure the identity of those within it are protected. The SAR subgroup would determine to which organisations or subgroups the recommendations refer. 	<p>David Mellor</p> <p>David Mellor</p> <p>SAR Subgroup</p> <p>Natalie Green</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natalie would write to agencies involved with Juliet, asking for details of any changes or improvements made in relation to the recommendations Natalie would coordinate the publication date and ensure all relevant materials are included. 	Natalie Green
3	Thematic Review Homelessness	
	<p>Gill presented the thematic review on homelessness, focusing on the lives of three men: T, H, and A. The review highlighted their struggles with mental health, substance abuse, and social isolation.</p> <p>The strengths in multi-agency working, inclusion health services, and the creativity of rough sleeping services were emphasized. She also identified learning points, such as the need for better understanding of safeguarding processes, professional differences, and the role of family members as carers.</p> <p>Recommendations: The 12 recommendations were outlined, including strengthening legal literacy, improving safeguarding processes, and promoting multi-agency collaboration. It was also suggested to establish an inclusion health lead on the safeguarding adult board and strengthening engagement with prisons.</p> <p>Publication: The Board accepted the thematic review report and its recommendations. They agreed to publish an executive summary that highlights the strengths, learning points, and recommendations without including personal details.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board accepted the report and recommendations. An executive summary would be produced for publication. Natalie would ask agencies for updates on changes made since the events within the review and include them in the board response. SAR subgroup to refer the recommendations to the appropriate organisations and subgroups. Natalie would coordinate the publication date and ensure all relevant materials are included. 	<p>Gill Taylor</p> <p>Natalie Green</p> <p>SAR Subgroup</p> <p>Natalie Green</p>
4	SAR David	
	<p>Susan presented the findings and recommendations of the SAR David, a man with learning disabilities who experienced significant mental distress and self-harm. She highlighted the challenges in coordinating his care, the role of his family, and the need for better advocacy and family therapy. focusing on David's life, his mild learning disabilities, epilepsy, and mental distress. The review covered the period from January 2021 to July 2022.</p> <p>Recommendations: The report has 5 recommendations, including creating a dissemination plan, reviewing care coordination policies, improving therapy pathways, offering advocacy, and addressing governance issues.</p> <p>Publication: The Board decided that it was most appropriate to publish a 7-minute briefing instead of the full report to protect the family's privacy. Susan would draft the briefing and ensure it is acceptable to the family.</p>	

	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board accepted the report and recommendations. • Susan would draft a 7-minute briefing for publication, ensuring it is acceptable to David's family. • Natalie would ask agencies for updates on changes made since the events within the review and include them in the board response. • SAR Subgroup would refer the recommendations to the appropriate organisations or subgroup or action. • Natalie would coordinate the publication date and ensure all relevant materials are included. 	<p>Susan Harrison</p> <p>Natalie Green</p> <p>SAR Subgroup</p> <p>Natalie Green</p>
7	SAR Family H	
	<p>Michael presented the learning review for Family H, which was based on a round table review. The report highlighted key issues and learning points from the case.</p> <p>Recommendations: The report included several recommendations aimed at improving practice and safeguarding processes.</p> <p>Publication: The Board agreed to publish the report, ensuring it is anonymized to protect the individuals involved.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board accepted the report and recommendations. • Natalie to publish the full anonymized report on the Board website. • SAR subgroup to refer the recommendations to the appropriate organisations and subgroups of the board. • Natalie will coordinate the publication date and ensure all relevant materials are included. 	<p>Natalie Green</p> <p>SAR Subgroup</p> <p>Natalie Green</p>
8	LD 7-Minute Briefing	
	<p>The briefing was developed following a tabletop discussion on supporting individuals with learning disabilities, incorporating insights from previous reviews and the LeDer reports undertaken by the Somerset NHS ICB.</p> <p>Recommendations: The 7-minute briefing includes several recommendations aimed at improving practice, such as enhancing legal literacy, understanding self-neglect in the context of homelessness, and promoting multi-agency collaboration.</p> <p>Publication: The Board agreed to publish the 7-minute briefing on the board website.</p>	<p>Natalie Green</p>
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Future Board Meeting date:

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