



Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board Minutes

**13 October 2022
(09:30-12:30)**

Luttrell Room, County Hall, Taunton

Present:

- Keith Perkin (KP) Independent Chair, SSAB
- Mel Lock (ML) - Director of Adult Social Services, Somerset County Council
- Superintendent Richard Turner (RT) - Avon and Somerset Police
- Richard Painter (RP) – Director of Safeguarding for Somerset NHS and Yeovil Hospital Foundation Trusts
- Shelagh Meldrum (SM)- Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board
- Cllr Heather Shearer (HS) - Somerset County Council Lead Member for Adult Social Care
- Rachel Handley (RH) - Consultant in Public Health, Somerset County Council
- Helen Orford (HO) - Managing Director, Discovery
- Lucy Macready (LM) - Public Health Specialist, Community Safety, Somerset County Council
- Julia Mason (JM)- Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Adults, NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board
- Louise White (LW) – Safeguarding Lead, Somerset County Council
- Kathy Smith (KS) Housing Officer, Golden Lane Housing
- Gillian Keniston-Goble – Healthwatch Somerset
- Lynn Matthews - Advanced Customer Support Senior Leader, Avon, Somerset and Gloucestershire, Department for Work and Pensions
- Claire Evans – Senior Probation Officer, National Probation Service
- Jim Bruckel – Head of Customer Partnerships, ABRI Housing
- Natalie Green (NG) - SSAB Business Manager

Attendees: for specific items

Sam Upham (SU) -Social Worker, Adult Social Care, SCC (Item 3)

Kate Spreadbury (KS) – Independent SAR Author (Item 4)

Apologies:

- Jai Vick - Deputy Chief Executive, Mendip District Council
- Sarah Ashe - Associate Director of Quality and Nursing, (Safeguarding, Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism) (VJ), NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board
- Trudy Craig – Head of Governance, Somerset Care Ltd
- Andy Lloyd - Health Promotion Manager (wider determinants of health), Public Health, Somerset County Council
- Charlotte Holland – Clinical Nurse Manager, Marie Curie Somerset

- Paul Chapman (PC) Inspection Manager, Care Quality Commission (South West England)
- Hayley Nicholls – Shared Lives South West
- Richard Pitman – Representative of people who use services and the voluntary sector
- Jane Spencer – Tenancy Sustainment Manager, Abri Housing Association (Jim Bruckel representing)
- Liz Spencer (LS) Head of the National Probation Service - LDU Somerset Cluster NPS South West South Central Division, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (Claire Evans representing)

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

Redactions: The adult that was the subject of the SAR discussed in item 4, has been referred to as '****' which is the pseudonym that was chosen by his family after the meeting

Item		Action by
1	Welcome, introductions and apologies:	
	Members were welcomed to the meeting by KP.	
2	Notes of previous meeting and matters arising (June 2022) and action tracker (papers 1 and 2)	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 16/06/2022 were agreed as accurate, with no proposed redactions to the version for publication. Action: Minutes to be published on the website.	NG
	The action tracker was reviewed, and it was agreed that actions 4, 5 and 12 to be checked for completion but it was agreed that all other actions had either been completed or superseded or were not yet due.	NG
3	Listening and Learning	
	Willie spoke to the Board about his life and how he had progressed through life. He described how he had the 2 personalities: positive Willie and negative Willie. Negative Willie was fed by trauma and chaos, which had led to the situation in which he was living. It was only since the input of Sam Upham, his current social worker that he had started to address his hoarding.	

	<p>It was Sam's understanding of Willie's background and reasons that led him to live in this, which brought about a plan to allow Willie to address the manner he lived.</p> <p>Regular pre-arranged meetings actions for Willie to take had resulted in him feeling empowered and positive about moving ahead. He had clear some of the excess belongings and had completed cleared the outside area to allow him to park his car. This will continue with the support of Sam.</p> <p> Progress%20photos.pptx</p>	
4	Review of 2 x Draft Safeguarding Adults Reviews	
	<p>KS gave a verbal overview of the SARs highlighting areas identified for improvement in her analysis of what had happened, to improve support for people who have transitioned in the care system and have been coerced and subject to cuckooing.</p> <p>The following comments and discussions were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a real partnership working for the SAR and to produce these recommendations that are contained in it. • There was discussion about Corporate Parenting and what does it look like within adult services and how we could aid this. • Transitional Safeguarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The transitional arrangements between juvenile and adult organisations were discussed and it was agreed transitional safeguarding approaches with the Somerset Children Safeguarding Partnership, Safer Somerset Partnership, the Health and Wellbeing Board and the local Youth Justice Board and any other relevant partnerships needed addressing. ○ Concern about the needs of those with learning disabilities in custody and how they come out into the community. • There was agreement that was a need to receive a learning brief and presentation from a council homelessness team on the provisions of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, which would be given to SSAB partners' organisations to take steps to ensure that the duties are used. • There was broad agreement that the report highlighted a lack of coordination between organisations and the need for multi-agency working. There should be no barrier for any party requesting a meeting to enable the group to identify appropriate organisations to be included and share information. The Board was keen to emphasize that it does not need to be the Lead Agency to instigate a meeting where there are concerns for an individual. • Other key issues included: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need to review the SSAB Risk Decision Tool to ensure it reflects a consistent adult safeguarding approach to exploitation. ○ A lack of a clear picture of cuckooing in Somerset. ○ Needing to consider referring this SAR through the National SAB Chairs escalation mechanism. ○ Need to develop more robust relationships between the care leavers team, children’s services and ASC with the aim of identifying opportunities for closer liaison when care and support needs are identified as part of wider transitions work planned. <p>The Report was agreed without amendment, although KS noted that a small number of non-material amendments had been received after circulation and it was agreed that these could be incorporated with final sign-off by KP.</p> <p>The following actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the sensitivity of the SARs, KP to decide what format publication would be made. • NG to arrange for a presentation at a future SSAB Board on the Homelessness Reduction Act by a district council. • The transition of cases, in all environments, from Children’s to ASC, is to be reviewed to allow a more managed transition. This will also be included in the appropriate sub workstream for LGR. 	<p>KP</p> <p>NG</p> <p>ML</p>
5	Any Other Business	
	None	
<p>Future Board Meeting dates 14th February 2023, 09:30-12:30 Venue TBC</p>		