

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Sefton Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board (SSAPB)



Michelle Creed – Independent Chair

Joan Coupe – Board Business Manager

MEMBERSHIP



The Board is multi-agency strategic partnership, although Sefton Council host the Board Business Team, they are a equal partner with all the agencies described above. The Board meets five times per year plus one development day.

SSAPB KEY PURPOSE

To enable Sefton to be a safe place for all the Partnership Board work together to ensure effective coordination of services to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults with care and support needs in line with Care Act 2014 and Care and Support Statutory Guidance 2014. The 6 principles of safeguarding will be closely adhered to

- **Empowerment**
- **Prevention**
- **Proportionality**
- **Protection**
- **Partnership**
- **Accountability**



SSAPB SUB GROUPS

COMMUNICATION, QUALITY AND PROCESS

- Focus on creating clear **communication** across the Borough with a common understanding on what is meant by adult safeguarding and what help that is available to resolve situations or manage risk
- Establish a broad based audit programme to examine all aspects of **quality** in service from ensuring that there is clear understanding of what constitutes abuse, how to raise a concern, process of enquiry through to on-going management of risk on both an individual and whole service setting
- Review of the **process** across the partnership of supporting adults with care and support needs, staff, volunteers and communities to timely recognise and seek assistance where there is potential **or** abusive practices in order that steps can be put into place to address the issue

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WELLBEING AND LEARNING

- Focus on ensuring that the **wellbeing** of adults with care and support needs remains central in all contacts made with services by working with groups and individuals to assess the effectiveness and appropriateness of current services and make recommendations for improvement based on feedback and findings
- Monitor the **wellbeing** of the workforce and volunteers. Make appropriate recommendations for access to services to assist individuals where help is needed
- Embed a culture of openness and transparency across the partnership to promote **learning** from all forms of local, regional and national review, enquiry and general practice learning. Work with communities to ensure all know how to seek help and have confidence in the safeguarding process to enable them to do so

SSAPB SUB GROUPS

MERSEYSIDE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEW GROUP (MSARG)

- Sefton are committed to a multi LA area, multi-agency partnership arrangement which includes Knowsley, Wirral, St Helens and Sefton. This standardises the approach to assessment of potential SARs and optimises learning opportunities.
- Group consistently chaired by Merseyside Police Detective Superintendent Cheryl Rhodes

ACHEIVEMENTS SO FAR

- Successful appointment of Independent Chair.
- Creation of a range of 7 minute briefings and learning circle to promote learning across the partnership from frontline practice.
- Development and launch of partnership website – used to promote all aspects of communication and information – with in excess of 7,000 visits since launch on 21st November 2022. www.seftonsab.org.uk
- Introduction of Twitter account, use of a YouTube channel and engagement of the internal Yammer account to improve understanding of the safeguarding agenda to reach a wider audience.
- Relaunch of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Meeting (MARAM) structure to support individuals that would not otherwise engage in services
- Full engagement in National Safeguarding Adults Week hosting several events, webinars, Lunch and Learn Events, Social Media Events each day, distribution of Awareness Raising Leaflets across Sefton
- Commitment to engagement with community groups and individuals improving understanding. For example Young Carers and Getting Involved Group
- Communications Plan in place to promote local, national and international focus on adult safeguarding
- Production of branded promotional materials for use and circulation at safeguarding events

KEY PRIORITIES

- To ensure that SSAPB provides strategic leadership across the partnership to embed safeguarding principles and contribute to the prevention of abuse and neglect
- To hold partners to account for safeguarding practices whilst working with other Boards to ensure flexibility to respond and adapt in a timely way to emerging safeguarding themes to ensure adequate provision to address concerns
- Build resilience of those who may be at risk of abuse and neglect, including those who may be homeless or transitioning into adulthood, to promote wellbeing. Continuously develop safeguarding approaches to achieve prevention and person led, underpinned by safeguarding key principles

Questions and Comments

