

BSAB News

In this edition, we have a briefing from the Chair Cherry Dale, an update on the Safeguarding Adults Review group in Birmingham, and an article by Dave Boucher from West Midlands Fire Service.

Chair's Briefing

Welcome to the Chair's December briefing which highlights the work Cherry Dale has been doing with and for the BSAB during the autumn period. It has been a time of renewal and thanks as we welcome new appointments and say fond farewells within the Partnership.

Read more at: <http://www.bsab.org/media/1.-Dec-Chairs-Briefing.doc>

SAR Group News

We are pleased to announce that Cath Evans, Head of Safeguarding at Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust as the new SAR group Co-ordinator and Ruth O'Leary, Head of Safeguarding at University Hospital Birmingham as Deputy Co-Ordinator, we welcome Cath and Ruth and look forward to working with them in the future.

In the last issue of the newsletter we shared that Mary Partridge was stepping down from her role as SAR Co-ordinator due to her retirement. Mary chaired her last SARs meeting on 16th October and during the break; she was surprised with a beautiful cake, flowers and cards to thank her for all her hard work—Read more at:

Read more at: <http://www.bsab.org/media/2.-SAR-Group-News.doc>



Board Assurance

Scrutiny & Governance: Review of Progress

In December 2017, BSAB Executive Board heard from Joe Martin, Vice Chair and lead on our Assurance Priority with an update on various strands of assurance related activity.

The first report below looks at the progress of the Scrutiny Committee after a year of operation December 2017- December 2018: BSAB Scrutiny and Governance Committee: Review of progress and activity to date.

Continue reading at: <http://www.bsab.org/media/Review-of-the-BSAB-Scrutiny-Governance-Committee-1-year-on-December-2017.doc>

Partner Assurance Statements

When partner agencies sign the memorandum of understanding this includes making a commitment to provide a statement to board each year, giving some indication of how they have delivered their safeguarding responsibilities during that period. This report gives a brief analysis of the annual assurance statements submitted to Board by partner agencies covering the year 2016-17.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted their Assurance Statements. The Board are looking at ways to improve the response levels going forward as part of the overall work happening to streamline and increase organisations capacity to respond and be involved in the BSAB Partnership.

Read the report at: <http://www.bsab.org/media/BSAB-Overview-of-annual-assurance-statements-2016-17.docx>

Citizen Story

Hearing the Voice of the Citizen is at the heart of BSABs work. At the beginning of the Executive Board meetings a Citizen Story is presented.

At our December meeting we heard from Birmingham City Council Adult Social Workers about an elderly gentleman (JB) who had disclosed experiencing financial abuse from a close family member.

Continue reading at: <http://www.bsab.org/media/Citizen-Story.doc>

BSAB Annual Report 2016/17



The Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board
Annual Report 2016/17 is now available to read at:
<http://www.bsab.org/media/7.-BSAB-ANNUAL-REPORT-2016-2017.pdf>

BSAB Partnership Meeting November 2017 Event Report

Partnership meetings are opportunities for us to come together as a safeguarding community in order to develop a shared understanding of the key challenges facing the most vulnerable people in our city; to plan and deliver partnership solutions to those challenges and to make the best use of all of our combined resources and experience to focus on hearing and acting on the voices of our citizens, on prevention, on high quality interventions, and on learning from and sharing best practice.



Making Safeguarding Personal
What good person-centred adult safeguarding practice looks like in Birmingham



The aim of the November 2017 partnership meeting was to gain a better understanding and the section 42 process and to work through our roles as partners in terms of early intervention and prevention of the need for safeguarding referrals. We also started to consider some high level principles around non-judgmental decision making, working with our partner organisations with the golden thread of making safeguarding personal

Read the full event report at: <http://www.bsab.org/media/BSAB-Partnership-Meeting-November-2017-Summary-Report.doc.doc>

Supported Housing Consultation

The government announced its proposals for funding of supported housing on 31st October 2017. Copies of the announcement and the proposals can be viewed on the government's website. The government has launched two consultations on their proposals and comments are sought by 23rd January 2018.

To read more about the consultation and find out how to take part: <http://www.bsab.org/media/Supported-Housing-Consultation.doc>

West Midlands Fire Service: Keeping Communities Safe and Well



As the Operations Commander for South Birmingham alongside my colleague Steve Harris (North Birmingham) we have responsibility for West Midlands Fire Service activities and operations across the whole of Birmingham.

Read more at: <http://www.bsab.org/media/4.-Fire-Service-Article.odt>

Our partner making a difference this month is Birmingham Carers Hub



See the Birmingham Carers Hub Postcard at:

<http://www.bsab.org/media/9.-Birmingham-Carers-Hub2.pdf>

Learning and Development

Learning and feedback from the November 2017 Practitioner Forum



A Practitioner Forum on the theme of 'Supporting Family caring Relationships' with real life case material which had been anonymised for discussion provided by Forward Carers was held on 9th November. The carer was at the centre of a complex family situation caring for an elderly relative with early onset dementia and a child with a chronic health condition.

Read more at: <http://www.bsab.org/media/5.-Learning-and-Feedback-from-the-November-Practitioner-Forum.doc>

Practitioner Forum 25th January Learning Disability and Responding to Behaviour that Challenges

The case study considers an individual with a diagnosis of Learning Disability and Autism in a CHC funded placement; the impact of behaviour that challenges, meeting needs that may not be easily communicated, alternatives to restraint and promoting a positive home environment.

For more information see flyer:

<http://www.bsab.org/media/6.-January-PF-Flyer.pdf>

Partners' News

Free Training from People in Partnership: 'Stay Safe—Join In'

The training focuses on confidence, keeping safe, abuse awareness, friendships and creating opportunities for pastimes and activities.

For more information: <http://www.bsab.org/media/8.a.-BSAB-NEW-JAN-2018-LETTER-People-in-Partnership.pptx>

See flyer: <http://www.bsab.org/media/8.b.-JOIN-IN-FLYER-People-in-Partnership.pptx>

Important Dates

BSAB Meeting Dates Jan—Apr 2018

For a list of BSAB dates for your
2018 diary:

<http://www.bsab.org/media/11.-BSAB-Meeting-Dates-2018.doc>

BSAB Partnership Meeting

6th February 2018, 09:30 -15:00

Theme: Transitions and Safeguarding

(More information to follow)

Make a contribution to BSAB News

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