

Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter

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**Message from Fiona Field,
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Safeguarding Adults
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I am delighted to introduce our first newsletter from Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Adults Board (CioS SAB). This is an exciting time for the SAB as we have many new members, a new Independent Chair (myself), a new Business manager and as a Board, we have been busy over the summer months developing a Business plan that has our agreed priorities for the next 18 months. We are also producing a 3-year strategy that outlines our intentions over the next 3 years. The Strategy will be available in January once agreed with SAB members and the Business plan can be accessed via our website.

We will also be having a relaunch of all SAB engagement materials in the new year to reflect our priorities and make our identity really clear. Watch out for the new positive logo!

There's a lot to do but there is a huge amount of enthusiasm in wanting to move forward at pace and really make a difference to safeguarding adults in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The Newsletter is one of many different types of communication that we will use to get the messages about safeguarding adults out into services and the wider community. Safeguarding, as you know, is everyone's business whoever we are and wherever we live

Adult Safeguarding Policies and Guidance update

- The 4 recently approved policy and guidance documents have been published on the SAB [webpages](#). They include:

- Safeguarding Operational Policy
- Allegations against Person in a Position of Trust
- Organisational Abuse
- Learning from Experience guidance

There will be 'lunch and learn' informal events to launch these policies and guidance in the New Year.



SAB Members Development Day Thursday

18 January 2018 - Don't forget we will be meeting on Thursday 18 January 9.15am followed by our usual Board meeting taking place at St Austell Business Park, St Austell. During the day we will review what we have achieved against the priorities set out in the Business plan. You will also contribute to:

- How we use our resources and what we might do differently 
- Progressing an approach to broaden our scope of engagement – SAB's first conversation café perhaps?
- How we will continue to work in Partnership with people 

SAB evidence base

We have started to build an evidence base to inform the work we do. So far, this includes CQC reports, Healthwatch reports, feedback from providers and staff. A short analysis is carried out to capture what each piece of evidence tells us in relation to safeguarding and quality.

SAB Members have been asked to complete a survey to tell us what they think about the effectiveness of the Board and its Subgroups and what needs to be done differently to increase the impact of the work of the Board.

Care and Support Providers in Cornwall have also been invited to complete a survey asking for their input to inform the design of an event taking place next March. The theme of this event is working in Partnership with People to *improve quality and reduce safeguarding in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly*.

Adult Safeguarding inter-agency referral form

This is a reminder that when sending an adult safeguarding alert the inter-agency referral form must be completed by the professional and emailed to: AdultSafeguardingReferrals@cornwall.gcsx.gov.uk If you need any further advice please ring the adult safeguarding triage team on 01872 326433.

The Truth Project – The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)

This is part of the IICSA which examines how institutions and organisations in England and Wales may have failed to protect children.

You can access an informative website at <https://www.iicsa.org.uk> for more details. It is important that you are aware that the Truth Project is coming to Cornwall in November and December to give local adults the opportunity to tell their personal story of abuse they have experienced as a child, no matter how long ago, in a confidential and supported way. Please look out for the publicity materials and make sure that your organisation is supporting this project.



A New SAB Logo - Back in July 2017 at our last development day you told us that it was time to rebrand our logo. I am pleased to share with you our new SAB logo which features on the first page on this newsletter. The logo was designed by Leanne Baker, Communications Assistant, NHS KCCG.

Work is underway to update our engagement tool kit, getting us ready to engage in a more meaningful way with partner agencies, people who use services and other residents in Cornwall. This is part of our new Communication and Engagement plan about how we will work in partnership with people.

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) Update - Have you seen the latest highlight from social care institute for excellence (SCIE) dated September 2017?

The article provides a snapshot of safeguarding adults practice and challenges based on SCIE's work in this area and experience of providing training and consultancy support to care and health providers. It is not a comprehensive review of safeguarding practice, but it does provoke further thinking about how to improve safeguarding, and the partnerships that need to develop for that to happen.

www.scie.org.uk/safeguarding/adults/introduction/highlights

Resources from the LGA and ADASS

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is not just about a focus on personalised front line practice. MSP requires a whole system approach across and within organisations. The SAB has a coordinating role in this.

The LGA and ADASS have produced a suite of tools to support SABs both in our assurance role and in actively supporting and leading a culture changes towards Making Safeguarding Personal.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/social-care-health-and-integration/adult-social-care/making-safeguarding-personal> is one of the tools. It describes what 'good' might look like in MSP and promoting ownership of this agenda within and across all organisations. Take a read through and share your own ideas across your organisation and beyond. SAB Members can bring their ideas to our development day in January.

ADASS conference - This year's annual ADASS conference on 20th of November was at Taunton Showground. Professor Michael Preston-Shoot talked about his recent work for the South West Region SABs on Safeguarding Adult Reviews. The report will be published soon but if you'd like an early preview of his report please contact Sarah Scoltock, SAB Business Manager.

This is your newsletter - if you have a good news story or some important information to share please let us know. The next newsletter will be produced prior to the Spring SAB meeting in 2018.

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