

Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter

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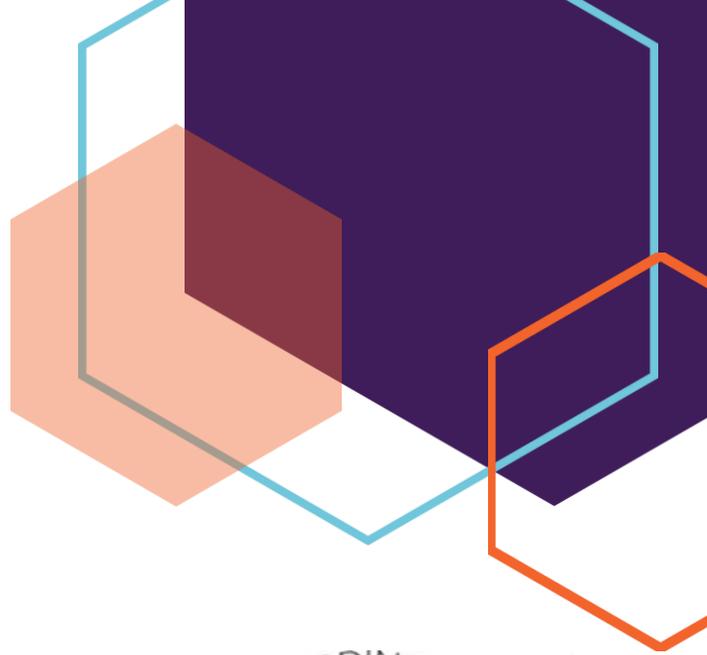
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Introduction by Sue Redmond- Independent Chair of the Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board.

On behalf of the Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board I am delighted to introduce the first of what is planned to be a quarterly newsletter designed to highlight partnership activity to keep adults safe.

Safeguarding adults is very much the responsibility of all of us, and beyond our statutory responsibilities it is very heartening, and encouraging to see the amount of extra work professionals put into ensuring adults are safe and supported.

This first newsletter includes the launch of the Merseyside SAB website and information about a self-neglect

workshop that took place hosted by John Moores university. This was attended by front line practitioners and we will keep you updated as this evolves into practical tools to support this difficult area of work. This edition also includes some feedback on a board development day that was held in March with a presentation given by Daisy UK.

I hope you find the articles interesting and informative. If your agency would like to submit an article for inclusion in the next edition in September please send your story and pictures to gaynordysart@wirral.gov.uk by Friday 10th August 2018



Who are we?

About Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board

Safeguarding agencies across Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral are working together to ensure that adults are able to live in safety and free from abuse and neglect. From April 2017 the existing Safeguarding Adults Boards in these areas have formed the Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board to work together to achieve more effective and personalised safeguarding. The new combined

board has been running for twelve months and has built on the work of the previous Safeguarding Adults Boards and the valued contributions of partner agencies. Using the experiences and advice of our communities together with the expertise of its' members, the Board leads adult safeguarding arrangements and oversees and coordinates the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies. Existing board contributors are encouraged

to continue to offer their expertise to this progression through. Should you have cause to alert us towards incidents of abuse please continue to use the contacts supplied by the existing safeguarding procedures within each local authority area. The combined authority is committed to effective communication between communities, professionals and partners, so regular updates will be published as the board develops.

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How does the Board function?.

The Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board completes the majority of its work through multi-agency committees who each contribute to completion of the Board's priorities. The sub groups provide partner agencies with the opportunities to review practice – identify and share good practice and identify and improve areas of weaker practice, to highlight safeguarding arrangements, test progress against priorities and challenge each other to collectively improve arrangements to safeguard adults at risk. The Merseyside SAB currently has 6 sub-groups (excluding

the main strategic Board itself which meets 4 times a year, and the SARGs of which each areas currently supports). The sub groups are shown below with the name of each chair:

1. **Quality Assurance** Chair- **Jane Lunt**: Head of Quality and Chief Nurse for NHS Liverpool CCG
2. **Performance** Chair- **Debbie Fagan**: Chief Nurse for Southport, Formby and South Sefton NHS CCG
3. **Communication and Engagement** Chair- **Kevin Johnson**: Home Safety Manager Merseyside Fire and Rescue

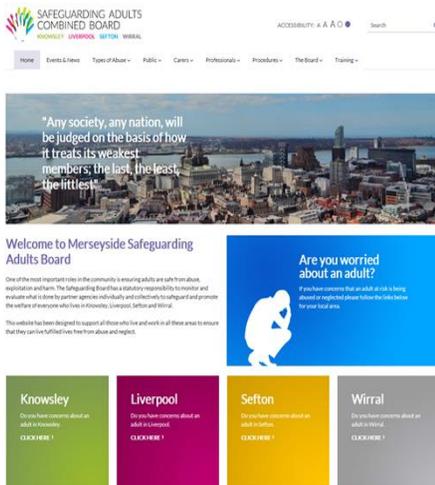
4. **Policy, Practice and Procedure** Chair- **Paul Dalby**: Head of Safeguarding Adults for Knowsley Council
5. **Workforce Development** Chair- **Lorna Quigley**: Director of Quality and Patient Safety CCG
6. **Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR)** Chair- **Ritchie Salter**: Superintendent- Merseyside Police

There is an update on the sub groups of the board on page 6

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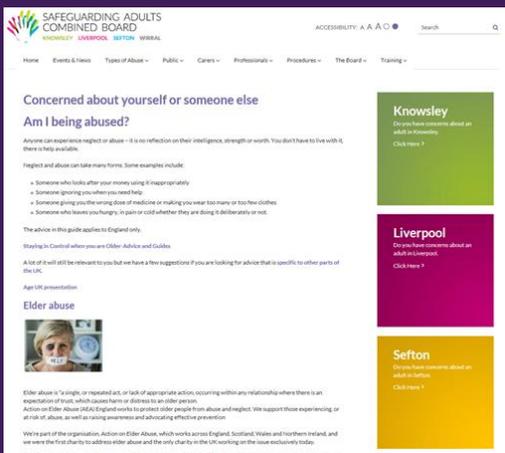


Welcome to Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board Website

One of the most important roles in the community is ensuring adults are safe from abuse, exploitation and harm. The Safeguarding Board has a statutory responsibility to monitor and evaluate what is done by partner agencies individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of everyone who lives in Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral.

This website has been designed to support all those who live and work in all these areas to ensure that they can live fulfilled lives free from abuse and neglect

What you can find on the website.



- Local and national events and news
- Descriptions of abuse and what you can do to help
- Information for the public, carers and professionals
- Safeguarding procedures
- Multi agency training available across Merseyside
- The board and sub groups and much much more!

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Development Day

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Welcome to Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board Development Day

The Merseyside SAB held a development day in the Performance Space in Bluecoat in Liverpool on Friday 23rd March 2018.

All the board, sub groups and task and finish groups from the previous twelve months were invited. Our guest speaker was Daisy UK who gave a presentation on personal experience of hate crime experienced by people who have a disability followed by various updates from the business unit and sub group chairs.

Daisy UK

Daisy UK came and spoke to us about what life can be like if you experience hate crime. This set the scene for the rest of the day.

What is hate crime?

- A hate crime is any behaviour that someone thinks was caused by hostility, prejudice or hatred of their:
- Disability (including physical impairments, mental health problems, learning disabilities, hearing and visual impairments)
- Gender Identity (people who are transgender, transsexual or transvestite)
- Race, skin colour, nationality, ethnicity or heritage
- Religion, faith or belief (including people without a religious belief)
- Sexual orientation (people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or heterosexual etc.)

It can include:

- name calling or verbal abuse
- graffiti or abusive writing
- damage to property
- threats or intimidation
- bullying or harassment
- physical attacks or violence, including sexual violence, arson and murder.



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Self-Neglect Workshop

A multi-agency participatory workshop delivered by John Moores University on behalf of Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board was held on Thursday 1st March 2018

Aim of the workshop

Since self-neglect became part of safeguarding under the Care Act 2014, there has been a sharp rise in referrals, and increasing numbers of Safeguarding Adults Reviews concerning people who self-neglect. Self-neglect cases can be extremely difficult, and often practitioners are left feeling perplexed and concerned about what to do. Back in March, on a very snowy Thursday afternoon, Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board held a workshop at Liverpool John Moores University, looking at working with complex, high risk self-neglect cases. The aim of this workshop was to begin to develop practical, useful guidelines for practitioners from all agencies involved in self-neglect cases, to help them deal confidently and lawfully with the most complex self-neglect situations. Feedback from the workshops was extremely positive, and we made a good start on the guidelines. We are now planning a follow-up session to do further work on the (provisionally titled) 'Have You Tried? Guide for working with people who self-neglect'. We are inviting all of the people who attended the March workshop, and some others who couldn't attend the first workshop. Again, we are aiming for a really good mix of professions and boroughs.



The Workshop

50 participants attended from a wide range of agencies who work with self-neglecting people.

The workshop was led by Elaine Aspinwall Roberts with an opening speech from Sue Redmond the Independent Chair.

How will it help practice?

We want to develop practice guidelines, using the accumulated experience and knowledge of staff working with self-neglecters, to support people working with self-neglect cases, where everything has been tried, and the question is 'what next?'. Some areas we will think about are:

- What can my agency and other agencies lawfully 'do'?
- How does the Human Rights Act affect what we can do?
- How can everyone involved put the Mental Capacity Act into practice?
- Are assessment tools such as the 'Clutter Index Rating' useful?

What approaches work best with people who self-neglect?

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Sub Group Updates

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The Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board comprises several sub groups as well as the actual board itself. The full board and partners meets on a quarterly basis (every 3 months) and the sub groups meet either monthly or bi monthly and carries out some of the work of the board. A general update has been put together to give you an overview of the work being carried out by the subgroups below. The sub groups consist of:

- Workforce development
- Communication and Engagement
- Performance, Policy & Practice
- Procedure
- Quality Assurance

There are also Safeguarding Adults Reviews taking place when an adult has either died or been seriously injured, agencies have been involved and local and/or national learning can take place.

Sub Group Updates- All Sub Groups currently meet bi monthly or when required

Quality Assurance

1. Audit front door/ MASH's across the four localities
2. A Chapter 14 audit tool across the partnership
3. Auditing calendar looking at various aspects of safeguarding

Communication and Engagement

1. Communication strategy across the localities
2. Voice of service users

Performance

1. ADASS data dashboard reviewed quarterly with narrative
2. Partner safeguarding data requested and scrutinised

Policy, Practice and Procedure

1. TEASC (Towards Excellence in Adults Social Care) analysis
2. MSP (Making Safeguarding personal) returns
3. SAR policy drafted
4. Escalation policy drafted

Workforce Development

1. All Multi agency training provision to be shared
2. SAR training for sub group members
3. Knowsley SAB plan well structured and to be adapted and circulated

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1. Any Safeguarding Adult Review ongoing and overseen currently by individual LAs

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