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Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board

Newsletter

**A welcome to you all from
Rob McCulloch-Graham, Independent Chair**



Welcome to our summer newsletter from the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board. The summer has been a long time coming, and I hope you manage to get a well-earned break. The safeguarding task has never been harder or as important as it is now, so it is important for all of us, that we find ways to recharge our batteries to keep the work going.

Without your work and commitment the wheels will come off for so many of Kirklees residents that rely on our services in maintaining their safety and wellbeing. The increased economic challenges now facing our communities are so severe, that we are now seeing many families in financial straits that have never been in that situation before.

The economic crisis is now also impacting on services, and across the board organisations are searching again to reduce cost whilst maintaining essential cover.

In safeguarding terms we need to keep partnership and relationships working, even though it will be tempting to focus internally to resolve budget demands. Early intervention, shared responsibility and joint planning must be our response to these current demands, this is the only way to preserve provision for those who need our input.

And all of this impacts on our workforce and management teams, so however relentless these pressures have been over the last three years, we need to keep ourselves safe too. To have a break is not a luxury but an essential, to keep the show on the road.

This newsletter gives an update and an insight across all partners who have been meeting the demands I have outlined, whilst maintaining quality and capacity in the midst of this maelstrom. The breadth of the newsletter, is a very real testament to the continued efforts of every part of our partnership, I hope you find it interesting and enlightening.

Kind regards,
Rob

KSAB Board meeting May 2023

Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) holds a full board meeting every quarter where senior leads from partner agencies come together to discuss key areas of the work of the Board. Here follows a short summary of points raised.

The Setting the Scene Story for the meeting was delivered by Paul Howard, Acting Head of Housing (Policy and Strategy), Kirklees Council Housing Growth & Regeneration. Paul explained that Medical Rehousing Officers are tasked to deal with Housing referrals in which the applicants have stated a medical need in which they need to be provided with accommodation. Paul shared a current case with the Board which highlighted ongoing work. The case was discussed at length and unfortunately at this time, the Board is unable to publish details due to this being a live case.

Every Board meeting features a legal highlight report from Kirklees Council Legal Team. This meeting detailed [A Local Authority v MF](#). MF was 40 years old and had diagnoses of a moderate learning disability and schizoaffective disorder. He lived with his mother, sister, and her partner. The local authority made an application to remove MF from the family home, which was strongly opposed by his family. It was noted that this was a complex case with significant intervention by the Court and it was agreed this case is a good example to be shared from a learning perspective.

The Board Independent Chair provided an overview of the findings of the recent Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) Challenge Event that had taken place. The event takes place each year in order to undertake some constructive challenge about performance and to identify and agree some priority areas of focus for each agency and the Board over the next year.

The overriding response that came out through the Challenge sessions was that all partners felt that as a partnership, we work effectively together. We are however witnessing more complex forms of abuse which demand a new combative approach from us all. As a partnership, it was acknowledged that we should continue to be collectively aware, open to challenge and willing to learn and adapt our provision accordingly.

Discussion points were highlighted for Board members to reflect on and will form the basis for a rich conversation to identify and set out how we move forward with the [Board's Strategic Plan](#).

Other Board standing items which were discussed at the May meeting included highlight reports from the Quality and Performance Subgroup and SAR subgroup.

National and Regional updates relevant to the Board were also discussed and it was confirmed that the [Whorlton Hall Review](#) a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) completed by Durham Safeguarding Adults Partnership has now been published.

Who are Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board and what do they do?



[See this link to a short \(5min\) film about the work of the Board](#)



Tri.x Online Safeguarding Adults Resource

In the [Spring edition of the KSAB newsletter](#) we highlighted the exciting launch of the new easy to use [online platform](#) showcasing the existing Joint Multi-agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures.

Here is a brief reminder of what the platform offers:

- Accessible, user friendly and well structured
- Relevant and helpful to a range of direct practice situations
- Makes sense of complex legislation and statutory requirements in a practical way
- Reflects the needs of practitioners across the full range of adult health and social care
- Provides practical support with a range of exclusive tools and guidance - tried and tested by practitioners and adults with care and support needs
- Promotes a personalised approach to practice
- Makes best use of available technology, including flexible content management, 24 hour and mobile access
- Provides access to a range of trusted tri.x resources, including a comprehensive glossary

To mark the launch we held a number of online tutorial sessions to walk frontline workers through the new online system, to ensure that they get the most out of using it. The recording for the tutorial for those who were unable to attend can be viewed [here](#).

As well as the Joint Multi-agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures, the Tri.x platform offers a whole host of additional valuable information to support frontline practitioners in carrying out their role to keep the people of Kirklees safe from abuse and neglect and put people at the heart of everything we do.

In order for the online resource to be as useful as possible we need content from our partner agencies to include in the [Contacts and Practice Resources](#) section of the website. This can be in the form of:

- Case Study Examples
- Short films
- 7 minute briefings
- Factsheets, etc.

We are asking safeguarding partners and practitioners if they have anything that may be suitable to include in the Practice Resource section, to please email ksab@kirklees.gov.uk with your suggestions and we will be more than happy to consider ideas.

The Policy and Procedures are intended for use by all practitioners, volunteers, services and partner agencies in Kirklees. The procedures are divided into the following sections:

- Safeguarding Adults Core procedures
- Safeguarding Adults practice guidance
- Learning and Improvement



20 June 2023

10am – 3pm

Brian Jackson House,
Huddersfield

Network Event – Mental Capacity Act (Making decisions) - What does it mean for you in your role?

The KSAB is keen to embed learning around Mental Capacity and the executive functioning part of the assessment as this is a learning objective from many Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) locally/ regionally and nationally. We are also aware this runs through DHRs and CSPRs. With this in mind we held an all-day event jointly with Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership and Kirklees Communities Board. The event was open to all frontline staff and volunteers working in Kirklees where they may come into contact with children or adults that may have care and support needs.

The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the Mental Capacity Act (2005) and Mental Capacity assessments in day to day situations, we wanted all practitioners to tell us what they would like to know more about, now that they had been given a basic overview.

The Mental Capacity Act is not as scary as it appears. It is a law that protects people over the age of 16 around decision making.

Every adult has the right to make their own decisions. We all make decisions on a day to day basis, from what we want to wear, is it safe to cross a road, to making a large purchase. There may be times when people lose the ability to make decisions (lack capacity) and when this happens we should be able to offer support no matter who we are or what role we do.

The event was held at Brian Jackson House in Huddersfield and was attended by over 200 people throughout the day. We received amazing feedback and participation on the day.

The morning session highlighted the basics of the Mental Capacity Act and discussed how it impacts on all of us in our daily roles in one way or another. The guest speakers for the morning session were Ann-Marie Smith (Deprivation of Liberty in the Community (DoLIC) Team Manager, Kirklees Adult Social Care) and Ben Garside (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Specialist Practitioner, Kirklees Integrated Care Board (ICB)). They walked delegates through the basics of Mental Capacity, how practitioners should view it in their role and the route/pathway to support and/or referral for assessment. They presented case examples looking at some instances where Mental Capacity was a factor.



The afternoon session welcomed guest speaker Lorraine Currie who spoke to delegates about working with and through executive impairment/dysfunction to support autonomy. Lorraine joined us via video link and part of her presentation introduced delegates to the complex situation of her and her daughter's lived experiences following her daughter's life changing car accident many years ago.

We invited a number of local agencies to share their knowledge and expertise in the form of a Market Stall drop-in. Delegates attending to hear the speakers were encouraged to network with our agency partners to find out more and tap into their knowledge and build connections. The market stall element of the event was open to all frontline practitioners and volunteers working in both adult and children health and social care to drop in for a chat if they were unable to attend for the speaker sessions.

Market stall holders were:

[Carers Count](#)

[Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board showcasing the Multi-agency Safeguarding online procedures on the Tri.x platform](#)

[Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership](#)

[Advocacy – Ask4Advocacy / Touchstone Advocacy](#)

[Kirklees Dementia Hub](#)

[Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards \(DoLS\) Team including Court of Protection information](#)

[Change, Grow Live Drug and Alcohol Service](#)

[Kirklees Communities/Safer Kirklees \(Prevent, Modern Slavery, Anti Social Behaviour\)](#)

[Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust Complex needs](#)

[Healthwatch Kirklees](#)

[Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

[South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Kirklees Community Learning Disability Health Team](#)

Films of the guest speaker presentations will shortly be available to view on the [KSAB Tri.x. Platform in the Practice Resource section](#). Delegates and colleagues who were unable to attend will be notified when they become available.

Delegates who attended the event are reminded to complete the [evaluation form](#) and tell us what further information is required to help support practitioners in their roles. This will help the Board to identify where gaps in learning are and provide resource support accordingly.

Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the arranging of the event, the guest speakers who contributed to the event, and all the stall holders who took part to make this event as successful as it was.



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Partner News

Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust (MYTT)

Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust is a local Trust providing compassionate, expert care for over half a million people every year, in their homes, in the community and across our three hospital sites at Pontefract, Dewsbury (DDH) and Pinderfields (PGH).

MYTT has an excellent training opportunity to increase staff knowledge and understanding on children who have experienced domestic abuse. It is a full day training event.

The training is open to external partners, however spaces are limited, so please book early if you can, to avoid disappointment.

The session takes place on **18th July 2023** at Dewsbury District Hospital Lecture Theatre - To book you place please either ring 01924 541968 x51968 or email midyorks.domesticabuser referrals@nhs.net

DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harrassment) Training

The training is open to external partners, however spaces are limited, so please book early if you can, to avoid disappointment. Please ring ext 51968 or email midyorks.domesticabuser referrals@nhs.net to book. Dates and times available:

July

7 th	9am – 12:30pm	Seminar Room 6, Trust HQ, PGH
26 th	9am – 12:30pm	The Cypress Room, Oakwell Centre, DDH

August

8 th	9am – 12:30pm	Seminar Room 6, Trust HQ, PGH
30 th	9am – 12:30pm	The Cypress Room, Oakwell Centre, DDH

September

5 th	9am – 12:30pm	Seminar Room 6, Trust HQ, PGH
27 th	9am – 12:30pm	The Maple Room, Oakwell Centre DDH

October

10 th	9am – 12:30pm	Seminar Room 6, Trust HQ, PGH
25 th	9am – 12:30pm	The Cypress Room, Oakwell Centre DDH

November

7 th	9am – 12:30pm	Seminar Room 6, Trust HQ, PGH
29 th	9am – 12:30pm	The Cypress Room, Oakwell Centre DDH

December

12 th	9am – 12:30pm	Seminar Room 6, Trust HQ, PGH
20 th	9am – 12:30pm	The Cypress Room, Oakwell Centre DDH

Partner Online News

[Kirklees Together online](#)
[Healthwatch Kirklees news](#)
[Carers Count Newsletters](#)
[Kirklees Care Association](#)
[Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust News](#)
[South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust News](#)
[Locala Health and Wellbeing News](#)

Partner News

University of Huddersfield

Ten Years On: Stalking in Kirklees, Policing and Support for Victims

An important action research project entitled [“Ten years on: stalking in Kirklees, policing and support for victims”](#) funded by the economic and social research council is being carried out by the University of Huddersfield and they are really keen that the voices and experiences of women from minoritized communities are represented in the study.

Overall the project aims to establish a clearer picture of stalking in Kirklees, including how West Yorkshire Police are currently policing stalking and identifying gaps in support for survivors, so they can get the protection and support they need, as early as possible to ensure their safety and reduce trauma.

The University are currently carrying out confidential and anonymous interviews with women of lived experience of stalking (age 16+ years). If you are a woman who has, or is, experiencing stalking and would like to have your voice included in the project please contact Rosie Campbell on r.campbell@huds.ac.uk who will arrange an interview with you at a time that suits you and at a location where you feel safe. All who take part will receive a thank you of £20 store vouchers. If you are someone who works with women in your service who may have experienced stalking please can you share this information. We know it can be challenging, not everyone wants to go over traumatic experiences or events associated with them. Also some women may not recognise their experiences as stalking or may not label their experiences as such. We know it helps encourage women to take part if trusted professionals encourage participation. We also have ethical approval for a support/community worker to be present if the woman is more comfortable with that and also for them to help with interpretation, for those women for whom English is not their first language and such support is helpful. That has worked well with a couple of interviews.

To enhance the research West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit have also commissioned the University to carry out an online survey of young people’s awareness of and attitudes to stalking. This survey is for all genders of young adults aged 16-24. This study will inform a social media campaign for young people across West Yorkshire. Young people who take part have the opportunity to enter a free prize draw, the survey is taking young people between 5 and 10 mins to complete. It would be great to have young BAME adults well represented in this survey. The University would greatly appreciate it if details of this survey and flyer can be shared amongst young people you work with or who are in your communities. It has a QR code that takes people to the survey, you can also visit the survey here. It is currently open to 21st July.

For further information on this project please contact r.campbell@huds.ac.uk

Young Adults aged 16-24



Please scan the QR code above or visit [this link](#) to access the young adults aged 16-24 survey

Learning & Development

The Safeguarding Adults Multi-agency Learning and Development Offer for 2023/24 can be viewed online by staff and volunteers working with adults with care and support needs in Kirklees. It can be accessed directly via this [link](#) or by visiting the [Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board](#) webpage and looking in the 'Safeguarding Adults Information for Professionals' section.

Please check it out to see what is available and book your place now following the instructions in the Offer brochure.

Up and coming learning/development on offer

July

- 5th Learning Bytes lunchtime session - Third Sector Spotlight
- 8th Child Basic Awareness in Safeguarding for Faith-based organisations (South Kirklees)
- 10th MCA and DoLS - Basic Awareness
- 13th Safeguarding Adults Basic Awareness
- 18th Hoarding – Working Together to Support Adults and Risk Management
- 18th DoLIC (Deprivation of Liberty in the Community) Forum
- 25th DoLIC (Deprivation of Liberty in the Community) Awareness Sessions
- 26th Mental Capacity Act Forum
- 29th Child Basic Awareness in Safeguarding for Faith-based organisations (North Kirklees)

Aug

- 23rd Mental Capacity Act Forum
- 24th DoLIC (Deprivation of Liberty in the Community) Awareness Sessions
- 31st DoLIC (Deprivation of Liberty in the Community) Forum

Sept

- 14th Safeguarding Adults Basic Awareness
- 15th MCA and DoLS - Basic Awareness
- 20th MCA - Assessing Capacity, Best Interests Decision Making and Working with Unwise Decisions
- 20th Mental Capacity Act Forum
- 21st Safeguarding Adults Refresher Training
- 21st DoLS for Professionals
- 23rd Domestic Abuse awareness for Faith-based organisations (South Kirklees)
- 25th **Self-neglect - Multi-agency Working and Using the Risk Management Protocol**
- 28th DoLIC (Deprivation of Liberty in the Community) Awareness Sessions
- 30th Domestic Abuse awareness for Faith-based organisations (North Kirklees)

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Please see [Safeguarding Adults Multi-agency Learning & Development Offer](#) for full details of everything on offer for 2023/24