

West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board

Briefing no. 5 – July 2021

Welcome to the West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board briefing. The West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board meets four times a year and discusses how agencies should work together to keep adults at risk of abuse or neglect safe in Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham.

The main objective of the Board, as set out by the Care Act 2014, is to gain assurance that local safeguarding arrangements help and protect adults with care and support needs who are at risk of or experiencing abuse. The Board aims to make sure that all the organisations involved have effective safeguarding policies and procedures and work together in the best way possible to protect adults at risk. The three core duties of the Board are to:

- Publish an annual strategic plan;
- Publish an annual report; and
- Conduct Safeguarding Adults Reviews of serious cases in specific circumstances.

Our Board last met in June 2021 where we endorsed a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Ken which was commissioned as a thematic review focusing on pressure care management, to focus on the partnerships response to learning identified in previous SARs. The SAR has been published and more information can be found further on in this briefing.

The Board agreed the Business Plan for 2021-2023 which will focus on key themes arising from SAR Learning. Further information on these priorities can be found further on in this briefing.

Contact the Board

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Business Plan June 2021 – March 23

The Board have agreed that its approach for the next two and a half years will be to focus at any one time on three key themes that have been identified from learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs).

The Board acknowledge that there are reoccurring themes from local and national learning from SARs that must be addressed. The Board will consider what the obstacles are in implementing recommendations and sustaining improvement and there will be a focus on good practice to promote learning, alongside an emphasis on good quality care principles and the role of effective support and supervision of the workforce to embed learning and inform future practice

It is possible that changes to priorities will be made throughout the duration of this plan in light of national and local learning in order to ensure that there is capacity within the partnership to deliver on the most pressing priorities for the West of Berkshire. Any change in priorities will be approved by the Board.

Through its reflective learning practice the Board have identified the following priorities, it is the expectation within each of the priorities that the following key frameworks/principles are considered: Mental Capacity, Making Safeguarding Personal, Professional Curiosity, Care Act, Equality Act. The Board will also consider and make and implement recommendations regarding race, culture, ethnicity, local and national context and how this may impact on safeguarding.

- Priority 1: To consider Board learning in regard to self-neglect; to understand what more we need to do to ensure that our ways of working with people who are self-neglecting are consistent and effective in mitigating and preventing risks.
- Priority 2: To consider Board learning in regard to pressure care management and understand what the partnership need to do to ensure that our way of working with people at risk of pressure sores is consistently of best practice standard.
- Priority 3: To consider Board learning in regard to organisational safeguarding and identify what the partnership need to do to transform our way of working with provider agencies to promote and ensure good quality, safe and consistent standards of care.
- Priority 4: The Board will continue to carry out the following business as usual tasks in order to comply with its statutory obligations.

Good Practice Case Studies

A new case study page has been added to the Board's [website](#). The Board is keen to develop its library of case studies with a focus on good practice examples to support reflective practice. Do you have any examples of good practice multi-agency working that you could share with the Board?

Please share with Lynne.Mason@Reading.gov.uk

Resolving Professional Disagreements In cases that meet the statutory criteria for Safeguarding Adults - Escalation Policy

Was launched in July 2021 and can be found [here](#).

Ken

Ken was a white British man in his late 70's, who lived with his wife Ava and they had two adult daughters. Ken had complex health needs and was terminally ill. Ken's wishes were to die at home or if this was not possible, he asked to go to a hospice. The majority of the last six months of Ken's life were spent in hospital, Ken sustained pressure damage, exacerbated by his refusal of appropriate equipment and care. Ken passed away in hospital.

A number of professionals across the partnership worked with Ken, however this work was conducted in a compartmentalised way. A multi-agency approach may have better supported Ken and his family in their decision making during this difficult time.

In response to Ken's death, the Board commissioned a thematic SAR comparing and contrasting findings and recommendations with five other SARs published by the Board, which also included learning around pressure care management.

The full SAR Report, Practice Learning Note and Statement from the SAB can be found [here](#).

Bite size learning events

You are invited to two-hour virtual workshops that are free to attend and open to all sectors across Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham. Each workshop has a presentation on a specific theme, followed by discussion. No need to book, just log in on the day. Coming up soon:

Learning from Ken SAR

Presented by Mike Harling, Principal Social Worker, West Berkshire District Council

Tuesday 7th September 2021, 10:00-12:00

Via Teams Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

The Role of a Lasting Power of Attorney and their legal decision-making powers

Will cover: what is an LPA and what are their decision making powers; when advocacy might be appropriate when an LPA is in place; how to approach difficult conversations with an LPA; how to address concerns regarding an LPA.

Thursday 14th October 2021, 10:00-12:00

Via Teams Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

The workshops run regularly to provide topic-based safeguarding information and learning, to support and complement the Board's approved training programme. Find out more at:

<http://www.sabberkshirwest.co.uk/practitioners/workforce-development/bite-size-workshops/>

Safeguarding looking back to see how to move forward in practice a primary care case - published May 21

The West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board have published a case study from a professional review in regard to X. This case study highlights the importance of seeing and talking directly to the person involved when working with remote consultations.

The case study can be found [here](#).

NHS England Safeguarding app

NHS Safeguarding app has been developed to act as a comprehensive resource for healthcare professionals, carers and citizens. It provides 24-hour, mobile access on up to date legislation and guidance across the safeguarding life course.

The app also provides information on how to report a safeguarding concern and even has a directory of safeguarding contacts for every local authority in England, searchable by region. It can be downloaded by visiting your device's appropriate app store and searching for 'NHS Safeguarding'.