

Minutes

Meeting Name:	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership Board (Adults)
Meeting Date & Time:	Wednesday 22 March 2022, 10.00 – 12.00h
Meeting Venue:	MS Teams Meeting

Attendees

Role	Organisation
Independent Chair	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Partnership Manager	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Partnership Co-Ordinator	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Detective Superintendent	Suffolk Constabulary
Chief Nurse	West Suffolk Hospital
Professional Advisor	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Deputy Director of Nursing	Suffolk and Northeast Essex ICB
Head of Safeguarding	ESNEFT
Head of Adult Safeguarding	Suffolk County Council
Safeguarding Lead	Prison Service
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Training, Safeguarding and Quality Standards Development Officer	Community Action Suffolk
Strategic Director	Borough and District Council Rep
Director for Nursing for CFYP, secure/specialist services, patient safety and safeguarding	NSFT
CEO	Healthwatch, Suffolk
Director of Adult and Community Services	Suffolk County Council
Lead for Safeguarding	Trading Standards
Named Nurse for Safeguarding	Suffolk and Northeast Essex ICB
Head Safer Custody	Warren Hill Prison
Safeguarding Lead	Prison Service
Senior Leader	Department of Work and Pensions

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Safeguarding Practitioner	Norfolk and Waveney ICB
Safeguarding Lead	West Suffolk Hospital
Deputy CEO	Suffolk Family Carers
Associate Director	Norfolk and Waveney ICB
Safeguarding Lead	Church of England
Social Worker	Suffolk County Council
Director of Nursing	Suffolk & Northeast Essex, and Norfolk and Waveney ICBs
Comms & Engagement	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Chief Nurse	ESNEFT
Senior Probation Officer	Probation Service
Safeguarding Lead	Prison Service
Designated Nurse	ICB
Safeguarding Lead	Trading Standards
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Norfolk and Waveney ICB
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In Attendance

Role	Organisation
Ops and Partnership Manager	Suffolk County Council

Apologies

Role	Organisation
Assistant Director	Public Health
Designated Nurse	Norfolk and Waveney ICB

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1.	Minutes and Actions from the last meeting held on 14 December 2022. The Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as final subject to one amendment as follows:

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	<p>Item 3- Suffolk County Council- It was reported that care providers have stepped up and released a huge amount of capacity over the last few months. The fair cost of care rates will also be <i>published</i> soon.</p> <p>The Actions resulting from the previous minutes were updated as follows:</p> <p>Item 3 -Recruitment in the Care Sector- Initial discussion had been had to assess the potential of a sector-wide strategy on recruitment. In conclusion, it was determined that it wasn't as straight forward as combining forces on recruitment as different agencies follow different processes, but recruitment would be used in tandem when applicable.</p> <p>Item 7- Adult Learning Event- It was reported that this conference is still in development, and the main theme will be Professional Curiosity. This will be merged with the June practitioner's conference to hold just one event. This may now be a September conference to avoid a clash with the 28th June Safeguarding Conference being put on by Community Action Suffolk.</p> <p>Item 8- Sharing information about Risk- There had been no further update on this. The front door offer is being reviewed within SCC and this will be progressed in the context of the re-shaping of the front door response to concerns and feedback to the next SAB.</p> <p>Item 14- Operational Oversight Group (OOG) - The OOG format is working well. An updated list of contacts will be sent to the members of this group.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plans for the Practitioners Conference later this year will be progressed. • The item around sharing information about risk within SCC in the context of the re-shaping of the front door response to concerns will be progressed. • An updated list of contacts will be sent to the members of the Operational Oversight Group.
2.	<p>Live Updates</p> <p>ICB Financial position- The funding position of the ICB over the next four years was explained, reporting that NHS England has asked the ICBs to make a 20% saving in the years 2023/2024 and a further 10% saving in the years 2024/2025. The ICB is currently looking at how these savings can be made. The same principles apply to Great Yarmouth & Waveney ICB.</p> <p>A Safeguarding Impact Assessment for the next Board meeting will be produced, where feedback will also be given to the Board on how these savings will be made.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback will be given to the Board on the principles of these savings once they are identified. • A Safeguarding Impact Assessment will be produced for the June Board meeting.
Agenda Items for Discussion and Decision	
3.	<p>Review of the Self Neglect and Hoarding Policy in light of some learning from the Waveney area.</p> <p>An item on the Self Neglect and Hoarding Policy was presented to the Board. Board Members are asked to work together to review this policy.</p> <p>A review of the Self Neglect and Hoarding policy would enhance practice, support collaborative working to ensure the right agencies are involved, and ensure that the adult is getting the relevant intervention to build positive relationships by working in a more person-centred way.</p> <p>The next steps would be to review the policy and consider a wider role out for safeguarding development work in Suffolk.</p>

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	<p>A presentation to look at the team around the person rather than looking at barriers that stop the support was shared. The presentation can be viewed here: https://www.socialworkawards.com/previous_winners/team-of-the-year-adult-services-2022/</p> <p>The Board agreed to support the review of this policy.</p> <p>Actions/Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SSP will help to review this policy.
4.	<p>SSP's focus on Co-Production and Engagement</p> <p>A copy of the drafted SSP Communication Strategy was presented to the Board. The idea behind this was to bring together some of the documents already produced by the SSP, such as the Openness Statement and the Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>Various methods of communication with the public are being considered. Outreach events are being held across the County by the Partnership to reach out to the general public and gauge their views on safeguarding, and co-production and lived experiences will feature at the heart of our work and priorities.</p>
5.	<p>Summary points from ACS Peer Review</p> <p>Summary points from the ACS Peer review that had happened in the early part of this year were shared.</p> <p>The Board offered their support to the findings from this review.</p> <p>Inspections and Inspection reports across all organisations were discussed.</p>
6.	<p>Update from LIG Task & Finish Groups</p> <p>There had been four Task and Finish groups held in the last few months. The focus of these groups were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S42 Enquiries- The consistency of case management was not adequate when reviewing these enquiries. There was a lack of confidence about the MCA application process and there is a recommendation to monitor this. These issues have been going on for years, and a live-action plan with a set of standards to be produced that is added to year on year. This action plan can be held together by a multi-agency group of professionals. The group agreed with this proposal of a standing Task and Finish Group under the Adults LIG with an action plan that is continuously refreshed. Information Sharing- This task and finish group included discussions with the Police Service and GPs. Their understanding of safeguarding was very good. They knew how to share information and where to go but the GPs did want to raise the feeling of being overwhelmed with little easily accessible routes to sharing information about risk. Secure Settings- Two NSFT and two special needs schools were reviewed along with Felixstowe Port. It was found that the understanding and safeguarding support provided was really good, although, in the two NSFT settings, there wasn't any information about safeguarding visible. The facilities at Felixstowe Port are not adequate, and a letter from the SSP has been written twice now outlining the concerns. The SSP will chase up a reply to the letter sent to the Port. A meeting between the Port of Felixstowe and the SSP will be set up to help ease the process flows for migrants entering the country. Training and Development Subgroup revival- The Training and Development sub-group has been reinstated, it has been running for 6 months and two meetings have been held. The group has highlighted some key issues in multi-agency training uptake which will be escalated at the Executive Group. Additionally, the Subgroup has been re-branded as Learning and Development, and the ToR slightly amended to focus on more embedding of learning from reviews and adapting how we train an already stretched workforce.

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	<p>The Task and Finish groups the LIG agreed for the next 6 months are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and Development Subgroup to continue including a refreshed TOR. • Development of a multi-agency Financial Abuse Policy / Framework for Suffolk • Possibility of a further task and finish group looking at the review of the Self Neglect and Hoarding Policy suggested by Board today. • MCA - ongoing year on year group - Not a static group, continuously reviewing what we are collectively doing to address mental capacity, keep abreast of new legislation amendments, look at new innovative ways across the country where others are implementing change, engaging with local universities to encourage better training at the beginning of frontline workers careers.
7.	<p>Annual Report 22/23 and SSP Strategic Business Plan 2023-25 The draft Strategic Business Plan for the SSP has been circulated to the Board for comment, which outlines the SSPs priorities for 2023-25.</p> <p>The main themes in the Business Plan are as follows:</p> <p>Learning and Engagement- This includes SSP webinars, podcasts, co-production and the Safeguarding Explained report.</p> <p>Scrutiny and Assurance- There was a desire from partners for the SSP to identify what they do in the scrutiny space.</p> <p>Supporting Practice Improvement- More assurance around safeguarding packages and how effective is the learning from Safeguarding reviews.</p> <p>Board Members were asked to look at the priorities and send any comments to SC if required.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members to review the SSP Business plan and send comments to SC by close of play 31st March 2023.
8.	<p>Safeguarding in Suffolk explained A report is being drafted to explain safeguarding practice in Suffolk to the public. More work is needed on the draft, along with some further fieldwork in Lowestoft and Mid Suffolk. Some students in a school and some residents in a care home will also be spoken to as part of this report. Some key figures from the research so far are that 89% of people spoken to know where to go to get help and 94% of people spoken to trust in services to help them.</p> <p>The draft to be available in time for the next Board meeting.</p>
Information Items	
9.	<p>Any Other Business There was no further business to report.</p>