

Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board

Key Messages from the Independent Chair – September 2018

The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board met at County Hall in Oxford on 26th September 2018 and the Chair Pam Marsden would like to share the following messages with you.

The Board agreed in March that we would begin each meeting with a case study presentation that would highlight the work across the partnership focussing on Making Safeguarding Personal. Unfortunately we were unable to secure a presentation for today's meeting but a variety of agencies have now come forward and given a commitment so we now have future presentations secured until the June Board in 2019.

A number of items to be considered by the Board had been withdrawn at the last minute or postponed as the presenter was no longer available. The Chair apologised to the Board for the agenda changes and agreed everything would be done to avoid this happening again.

Standing items

Subgroup update

The Board was advised that there have been no new SARs. A discussion then took place around our assurance mechanisms. We now have a central safeguarding team in the Local Authority, more training available and a number of agencies have introduced a consultancy service which should all help to improve consistency in approach and develop a better understanding of what constitutes safeguarding. However it was agreed that more could be done to assure ourselves that potential SARs were not being missed and it was agreed that some of the 'ask questions' PIQA data will be further explored over the coming weeks.

There have been 5 training courses since the last Board including the second Leader/Manager course. There are currently separate training strategies for Adults' and Children's safeguarding and they are both at the point of needing review. The training sub group are recommending that going forward there should be a single safeguarding training strategy for Oxfordshire. The Board agreed this approach.

PIQA update confirmed the reduction in concerns continues but the level of enquiries remains stable which it is believed is reflecting the impact of training and the other initiatives put in place over the last year. The group has asked for a formal link to be made to the Mental Capacity Act Forum to enable data to be shared on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards which will then become part of the PIQA dataset.

Recently Published Reports and Guidance

The Board was provided with a report on recently published reports and guidance to raise awareness and ensure the Board is sighted on national and local issues which could impact on safeguarding adults. One of the reports was from an Age UK study and Rachel Borland , Head of Information and Advice and a member of the OSAB gave us a helpful presentation of the findings of 2 studies in relation to older people. The report highlights how through a cycle of exclusion and self exclusion there can be an escalation of risk to both the person and to others around them.

Individual Agency Update

Kate Riddle from Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust informed the Board of the results of their latest Inspection. They were inspected in 8 areas and in 5 they were considered good. The areas requiring improvement have targeted work underway and they are confident of the progress they are making.

Any Other Business

The Chair advised the Board that Ros Pearce , Executive Director ,Healthwatch Oxfordshire and Rachel Boland, Head of Information and Advice , Oxfordshire Age UK had agreed to co-chair the new Engagement Subgroup. The work of the group would be supported by Helen ??? newly appointed Learning and Engagement Officer for Safeguarding. The first meeting of the subgroup would be on the 7th November 2018. Board members were asked to consider whether they had key staff who would be appropriate to ask to attend the meeting. The aim is to increase service user and carer involvement with the Board , ensuring their voices are heard and that they help to shape our priorities.

The Annual Reports of the OSAB and the OSCB were attached for information as they have both been agreed and published . There will be a number of presentations over the next few months undertaken by both chairs together to answer questions on the Annual Reports and any other related safeguarding matters

.Future Meetings

The Board will meet again on the 19th December 2018.



Pam Marsden
Independent Chair OSAB