

Meeting:	Health & Wellbeing Board
Meeting date:	15 September 2015
<i>Title of report:</i>	Adult Safeguarding Briefing

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

Briefing report for information to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the progress of Making Safeguarding Personal implementation.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) The Board be asked to note the progress against the ongoing safeguarding implementation programme;**
- (b) To note that the Safeguarding Improvement Group has been disbanded and reporting on safeguarding adults is now incorporated into performance “business as usual”; and;**
- (c) As a result of point (b) above, note that future local authority briefings to the Health and Wellbeing will focus on Adult Safeguarding performance**

Alternative options

- There are no alternatives to consider the report as it is for information only

Reasons for recommendations

- Not applicable

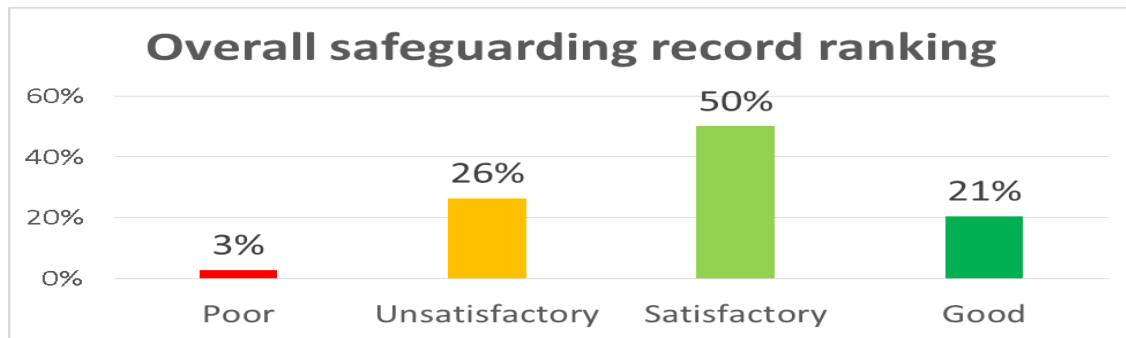
Key considerations

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) began in England in 2009. It was motivated by a need to understand what works well in supporting adults at risk of harm and abuse. It was an initiative by the Local Government Association (LGA) safeguarding adults programme and by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS). Report; WWW.local.gov.uk/publications/-/journalcontent/56/10180/396_1588

Making Safeguarding Personal was introduced within the anticipated timeframes to Herefordshire in January 2015. This report will provide an update on the progress and implementation of MSP within Herefordshire. The process once implemented included the safeguarding requirements of the Care Act 2014

Community impact

- 4 The MSP implementation programme led by the local authority included the following:
- Engagement with regional partners revised and updated the West Midlands Adult Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, Care Act compliant. Working draft document in operation from 1 April 2015. To be finalised April 2016.
 - Policy and procedure working group established within Herefordshire. Focus on updating policies such as record keeping, supervision, self neglect ,data sharing. Also includes Prevent strategy, which aims to intercept travel towards extremism. Additional training planned for all agencies and providers in relation to Prevent.
 - Training provided on Essential Communication for all ASC staff with service user contact.
 - Targeted systems wide training for practitioners on Adult Safeguarding, MSP and the Care Act. This has included the provision of training from an external professional trainer as well as internal team training and individualised training as and when required.
 - New tools provided for practitioners such as an Aide Memoire and brochure for Service Users
 - Development of new systems for recording and capturing data which provides performance evidence .This data captures improvements as well as areas requiring further improvement.
 - Links made with health partners to deliver training to Care Home Providers on MSP and Safeguarding.
 - Links with Community engagement to deliver presentations on updating Adult Safeguarding awareness and MSP .This included how to raise a safeguarding concern and what happens when a concern is raised.
 - A new Quality and Audit framework was introduced since April 2015. This has required monthly audits across all operational teams.
 - Snapshot on performance of MSP since implementation in January
 - 1052 safeguarding concerns have been received. Of these, 304 have progressed to safeguarding enquiry , 531 have been no further action,56 have been referred to Quality concerns and 165 have been referred to case management .Of the 126 safeguarding concerns received in August, 94% of decisions were made within the timescales of 2 days ,and 21.6% were progressed to safeguarding enquiry. This demonstrates a marked improvement on performance since MSP was implemented.
 - The overall safeguarding record ranking taken from monthly audits is as follows:



- The Safeguarding Improvement Group was disbanded by the Safeguarding Adults Board in April as terms of reference were achieved. Adult safeguarding processes are now incorporated within business as usual. Any residual issues incorporated within the existing Quality and Performance group.

Equality duty

5 The Care Act 2014 came into operation on 1 April 2015.

- There is a legal duty to promote equality .S.14.6 states; Local authority statutory adult safeguarding duties apply equally to those adults with care and support needs regardless of whether those needs are being met, regardless of whether the adult lacks mental capacity or not, and regardless of setting, other than prisons and approved premises where prison governors and National Offender Management Service (NOMS) respectively have responsibility
- The Care Act states; Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action. This must recognise that adults sometimes have complex interpersonal relationships and may be ambivalent, unclear or unrealistic about their personal circumstances.(S.14.7 Statutory Guidance).

Financial implications

6 There is no direct financial implication, safeguarding is incorporated across all domains.

Legal implications

7 Care Act 2014 sets out the statutory legal duties and responsibilities in relation to adult safeguarding. Full report available here;

: www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted

Risk management

8 The HSAB has in place a risk management plan which is in line with the West Midlands Policy and Procedures.

The Leadership Directorate has a risk register which is reviewed and revised on a monthly basis.

Individual Adult Safeguarding cases are risk assessed throughout the safeguarding process

Appendices

The Care Act 2014 ; : www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted

Background papers

- None identified