

TSAB Newsletter

August 2020



Summary of the Work of the Board

The Board's Strategic Partners have continued to meet virtually to respond to any emerging issues across Tees and to review working arrangements. Whilst the current situation has presented many challenges discussions have also focused on areas of good practice and new ways of working that continue to develop. The next full Board meeting is scheduled to take place virtually in September.

Strategic Business Plan 2020-21

In June the Board launched its Strategic Business Plan for 2020-2021. The plan takes into account the responses from the Annual Survey and outlines the Board's vision, aims and objectives for the year ahead.

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/strategic-plan/>



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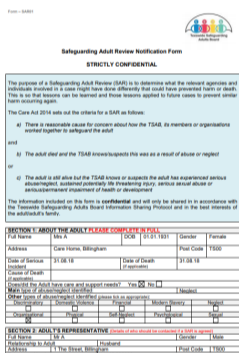
The Overview Report from the recent LLR has now been published and contains some valuable learning points for all organisations to consider when dealing with complex cases.

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Adult-C-Overview-Report-FINAL.pdf>

Safeguarding Adults Review Procedure & Notification Form

Both documents have been refreshed to streamline the process and to hopefully make things much easier for staff to complete SAR Notifications.

These documents can be found on the TSAB website: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/>



Professional Challenge Procedure

The Procedure aims to ensure that staff are confident in challenging practice in a constructive and non-threatening way. The TSAB Professional Challenge Procedure has been updated to include more detail on the types of dispute and the different stages of the process. <https://www.tsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Teeswide-Professional-Challenge-Procedure-Version-2-Final.pdf>

A Learning Briefing is being developed alongside this to provide a summary of the process, and will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

Local News

Harbour have launched their live chat facility for domestic abuse support. The service is available Monday to Friday 9am –6pm and can be accessed confidentially via the harbour website: www.myharbour.org.uk



Details of specialist support services in your area can be found on the TSAB website: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/find-support-in-your-area/>

Training & Development

Whilst many face to face training courses have been suspended the Board continue to provide a wide range of remotely accessed, flexible training options in a variety of formats.

E-Learning



In partnership with the two local Safeguarding Children Partnerships, the Board commissioned Me-learning as its new e-learning provider in May 2020. The first quarter of 2020/21 has seen over 2500 users register on the new system, and there were **2620** Adult course requests.

A wide range of free to access courses are available covering Adults and Children Safeguarding topics, and now includes two new courses:



Self- Neglect & SARs : Recognising the signs & symptoms of Self-Neglect and hoarding, how to respond and the Safeguarding Adult Review process.

Suicide Prevention: Spotting the signs and how to respond.

The full course directory and details of how to register for courses can be found on the E-Learning page of the TSAB website: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/training/>

Workbooks



Safeguarding Adults Awareness • Learning from Serious Instances of Abuse and Neglect • The Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards • Domestic Abuse • Forced Marriage • Female Genital Mutilation • Prevent • Modern Slavery • Self-Neglect

For users who are not able to access the online training a set of 9 Workbooks can be downloaded from the website. Once completed they can then be marked by a line manager or team leader. Guidance for managers to mark workbooks can also be accessed via the website: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/professionals/training-resources/>

During the first quarter of 2020/21 **37** workbooks were completed.

Webinars



Following a successful pilot in July a series of Self-Neglect webinars are taking place during August & September. The Board hope to expand this to cover other courses over the coming months. Please keep an eye on our events page for details:

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/professionals/events-key-dates/>

Did you know that all of the Local Policies and Procedures are now in one place?

As part of the TSAB website refresh these are now all located on one page for quick and easy reference: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/>

Diary Dates

- World Mental Health Day 10th October 2020
- World Anti-Slavery Day 18th October 2020
- National Safeguarding Adults Week is taking place from 16 to 22 November 2020

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Themes for the week include:

- Organisational abuse
- Adult grooming
- Safeguarding laws and legislation
- Safeguarding adults in sport and activity

For more information visit: <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/events/national-safeguarding-adults-week-monday-16-sunday-22-november-2020/>

The Board will be actively involved in a range of awareness raising activities across the week in conjunction with partner organisations. If you have your own events planned for the week please share these with us: tsab.businessunit@stockton.gov.uk

Stay Scam Aware

COVID-19 has provided an opportunity for a wide range of scams — on the doorstep, over the phone, via social media and online. The Board's new leaflet contains important advice for staying safe online:

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Financial-Abuse-Online-Scams-Fraud-Guidance.pdf>

Cleveland Police have also produced a series of e-books to provide information and advice. Links to all 3 books can be found in the Financial Abuse section of the TSAB website: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/general-public/financial-or-material-abuse/>

Social Media and Website

As the Covid-19 situation is constantly developing we are aiming to share key messages from official sources via our social media channels as well as other communications. Please keep checking and share where possible.



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Find Support in Your Area

The Board's website also set out relevant support services by type of abuse and by each individual Borough across Tees. This is reviewed and updated periodically, although it is not intended to be a definitive source of information for all service providers: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/find-support-in-your-area/>

Your Comments

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