



Edition 2 – Winter 2015

Safeguarding on Sea

Foreword from Chris Doorly (*Chair of Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards*)

Welcome to the quarterly digest from the children and adults safeguarding boards in Southend. The purpose of the digest is to ensure practitioners and managers have quick and easy access to significant information relevant to their practice, because the Boards understand that the quality of safeguarding is directly related to the quality of practitioners' development.

I hope you find the digests a useful summary of the learning, action and impact of the Boards as we work together to improve safeguarding for children and adults in Southend.

LSCB and SAB Annual Reports 2014-15

The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) have published their annual reports

on the effectiveness of safeguarding children and adults in Southend. You can access the annual reports at

www.safeguardingsouthend.co.uk

Key areas for development identified in the LSCB Annual Report include:

- Self harm in young people
- Sharing reports with children and their families in advance of case conferences
- Analysis of intelligence to inform the child sexual exploitation strategy
- Commissioning of youth centred specialist support services for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation

Key areas for development identified in the SAB Annual Report include:

- Preventing abuse and neglect where possible and ensure timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred
- Improving practitioner awareness and understanding of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Standards (DoLS)

Key areas for development identified by both the LSCB and SAB include:

- Timeliness of multi agency risk assessment conferences for high domestic abuse cases
- That the voice of child and adult service users influences the development and improvement of those services
- Responding to the Violence Against Women and Girls agenda, so called Honour Based Abuse and Modern Slavery, providing a comprehensive programme of work
- Ensuring that adults and children who are vulnerable to exploitation or radicalization are identified and supported appropriately

Southend Essex and Thurrock (SET) Procedures

There are new versions of the SET Child Protection Procedures and the SET Safeguarding Adults Guidance which you can find on the website at

www.safeguardingsouthend.co.uk

Joint Adult and Children Training Strategy

The Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards are quality assuring safeguarding adults and children training delivered by our partner agencies to their staff. Look out for the LSCB and SAB logos on training certificates to make sure your training has been quality assured and approved!



You can also find the LSCB and SAB Training Programme for 2015-16 on our website

www.safeguardingsouthend.co.uk

We offer E Learning and face to face training options

Serious Case Review Thematic Briefings

The NSPCC has produced a number of thematic briefings based on the learning from serious case reviews into the deaths or serious injury to children where abuse or neglect are suspected. The briefings can

be accessed at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/case-reviews/learning/>

SAB Lay Member Opportunity

The SAB is looking for a lay member to join the Board. The lay member must be a resident of Southend and not employed by any of the member agencies of the SAB.

Further details about the role and how to apply can be found on the SAB section of the website at

www.safeguardingsouthend.co.uk

You can find out more about the **Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)** and the **Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)** by visiting our website at

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