

Adult Safeguarding Executive Extraordinary Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting date: Thursday 30 April 2020

Update from agencies on status of risk and workload

- Each agency gave an update on their current workload/ risks.

Feedback and assurance on three questions posed from last week

- Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Public Health gave assurance to the board on the three questions asked by the National SAB chairs.
 1. Under Civil Contingency Act business continuity planning processes, what safeguarding impact assessments have been made locally as part of the process, both within single organisations, but also the impact on the multi-agency statutory requirements.
 2. What assurance is it possible to gain about the local response to safeguarding concerns? For example, what is the extent of s42.1 activity around emerging, societal and safeguarding issues from Covid 19 – particularly the role of volunteers and keeping adults safe who have care and support needs / or who have vulnerabilities are in self-isolating groups ?
 3. What is emerging in your area around Care Act assessments in light of the Emergency Powers Bill.

Feedback on early data on safeguarding concerns - Adult Safeguarding and ASC MASH Activity report

- The Head of Adult Safeguarding produced the above-named report for the SAB.
- Members reviewed and discussed the report.

Care Home Status in Surrey

- Death rates in care homes have increased, a number of homes within Surrey are operating at around 70% capacity.
- There is a concern on the long-term sustainability of some homes.
- There are concerns in residential homes (such as learning disability) how they keep their residents safe.
- SCC has made a financial contribution to a number of care homes and domiciliary care agencies that they are responsible for, which will provide them with more security.
 - There is a concern for those home and agencies that SCC does not have a statutory responsibility for if they will be able to survive the epidemic. These homes will be directed to the Government scheme for support.
 - Smaller homes managed by the owner may be unable to continue and forced to close in time, larger home should have access to Government loans.
- Could see a reduced number of homes operating in Surrey.
- If a home was to close, ASC would assist **all** residents including self-funders to find new accommodation.

National Chairs group feedback

The SSAB Independent chair gave an update following the last SAB chairs meeting:

- Government easements were discussed. (Surrey has not taken these)
- Some Local Authorities have also moved their safeguarding leads to other roles, removing the safeguarding work they were previously doing. For members of the SAB this was seen as a huge risk/ concern. Surrey is in a good place.
- Communication to the public on Safeguarding at this current time.
- There is a concern on the possibility some prisoners may be released early from Prison.
 - Concern for the victim of their crimes

- This was discussed in the group as a concern, although it was highlighted that not all those who may be considered for release would be released into Surrey, they would return to their home county.
- This would not include domestic abuse offenders.

SSAB Escalation Policy

- The SSAB Escalation policy was discussed.
- It will be updated, sent for approval to the Adult Executive group, signed off and published on the SSAB website.

Any other feedback or upcoming risks that we need to address

- No upcoming risks were raised.

Any Other Business

- **June SAB meetings**
 - The meetings scheduled for June – Scrutiny, Delivery and SAB meetings, will be discussed in full nearer the time.
 - Addition Extraordinary meetings to be scheduled following our last meeting scheduled on 8th June (if we no longer need these they can be cancelled and will return to previous meeting schedule)
- **Returning to 'normal business'**
 - SAB need to consider how we get back to normal. What is normal?
 - SAB need to gear up to pick up where we left off.
 - CCG suggested we need to look at the Boards priorities and consider that lockdown may continue if not Social distancing will place further restrictions.