

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB) Meeting

Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 9.30am

Teleconference via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Paul Yeatman (Chair) (PY)	Independent Chair, GSAB
Alicia Wynn (AW)	Designated Safeguarding Lead, Young Gloucestershire
Holly Beaman (HB)	Lead Commissioner, Learning Disabilities & Physical Disabilities, GCC/ICB
Clare Lucas (CL)	Healthwatch Gloucestershire
Daisy Kirkwood (DK)	International Resettlement Co-ordinator, Gloucestershire Strategic Housing Partnership
Danielle Vale (DV)	Community Manager, POhWER Gloucestershire
Helen Flitton (HF)	Head of Commissioning for complex needs, Public Health, Gloucestershire County Council
Emma Hawkins (EH)	Safeguarding Adults Training Lead, GCC
Sarah Jasper (SJ)	Head of Safeguarding Adults, GCC
Mary Morgan (MM)	Program Director for Housing, Health & Care, GCC/ICB
Vicky Moxon (VM)	Senior Probation Officer, representing Mark Scully
Mel Munday (MMu)	Associate Director of Safeguarding, Gloucestershire ICB
Sam O'Malley (SO)	Safeguarding Adult Lead, Gloucestershire ICB
Steve Bean (SB)	Detective Superintendent, Head of Public Protection, Gloucestershire Constabulary
Vicci Livingstone-Thompson (VLT)	Chief Executive, Inclusion Gloucestershire
Jeanette Welsh (JW)	Lead Safeguarding Adults, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHSFT
Emily White (EW)	Director of Quality, Performance & Strategy, GCC
Hannah Williams (HW)	Deputy Director of Nursing & Quality, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (GHC)
Ruth Woolley (RW)	Consultant in Public Health, GCC
Donna Potts (DP)	Head of Safeguarding & Prevention Manager, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Adele Owen (AO)	Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS)
Samantha Lancaster (SL) (Minutes)	Safeguarding Adults Admin Manager, GCC

Apologies:

Sarah Scott (SS)	Executive Director Adult Social Care and Public Health, GCC
Carolyn Bell (CB)	GSAB Business Manager, GCC
Katy Macintosh (KM)	Named GP for Safeguarding Adults and Children, ICB
Mark Scully (MS)	National Probation Service
Paula Massey (PM)	Enabling Manager, Resident Services Group, Forest of Dean and Cotswold District Councils/West Oxon District Council
Susan Hughes (SH)	Designated Safeguarding Lead, Resident Services Group, Forest of Dean and Cotswold District Councils/West Oxon District Council
Lia Nikitopoulos (LN)	Care Quality Commission
Lynn Matthews (LM)	Department for Work & Pensions
Karl Gluck (KG)	Mental Health, Advocacy and Autism Commissioner, GCC/ICB

Marion Andrews-Evans (MAE)	Executive Nurse & Quality Lead, NHS Gloucestershire ICB
Riki Moody (RM)	Operations Director, Gloucestershire Care Providers Association (GCPA)
Karen Smith (KS)	Head of Regulatory Services and Consumer Protection, Trading Standards Services, GCC

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1.	Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were made.	
2.	Minutes of the Last Meeting – 07/09/2022 The previous minutes had two MM attendees – SL to amend. The minutes of the meeting held on 07/09/2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	Matters Arising from 07/09/2022 All matters arising are complete.	
4.	Items from the Chair PY welcomed new attendees Sam O'Malley (ICB), Emily White (GCC) and Alicia Wynn (Young Gloucestershire). PY reminded members about the GSAB CPD event on Wednesday 7 th December in Highnam, presenters include the ICB, GCC, GHC and GFRS. The GSAB Self-Assessment Audits will be sent out again in the new year, using the same questions as last year. The GSAB Annual Report will go to the Scrutiny Committee in January 2023. PY is taking on the role of Chair of the South West SAB Chairs Group in the new year, this also gives him a place on the National Executive. This used to be funded by the LGA and ADASS, but the Chairs Network have now established themselves as a Cooperative and members pay an annual subscription of £150, which funds two members of staff.	
5.	Homes for Ukraine Assurance HF shared her presentation on Homes for Ukraine.  Homes for Ukraine.pptx The scheme was launched on 14 th March 2022 in response to the war in Ukraine. Hosts look after Ukrainian guests for 6 to 12 months. Initial work involved linking hosts, DBS checks and Visas. Safeguarding considerations included checks on sponsors and Police checks on Ukrainians. On arrival in the country the HFU Team conduct an in-person visit, child safety protocols are followed and there are follow up home visits. Issues have arisen including guests not arriving, going missing, violence against women, domestic abuse, sexual violence and modern slavery. There have been very good working relationships across partner agencies including district councils, health and the police. RW shared some adult safeguarding case studies, 16 examples in total had been identified by the team. This figure represents a very small proportion of the total number of guests in Gloucestershire. Homes for Ukraine liaise with GCC and GARAS on a regular basis. RW also advised of the existence of a bank of reserve hosts who are available should problems arise and guests need rematching. Case studies included examples of:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Abuse • Controlling behaviour • Fraudulent addresses • Out of County cases • Mental Health/Alcohol issues <p>EW asked if there were many people with care and support needs and RW said that there have only been a couple, although many have experienced trauma. SJ advised that she had provided safeguarding information, including those who would be potentially at risk and when to raise a concern. The Safeguarding Adults Team are also logging referrals from guests and hosts.</p>	
6.	<p>GARAS Update</p> <p>AO provided an update on the work of GARAS. There are currently 250 dispersed asylum seekers living in Gloucester and Cheltenham, going through the asylum process, which takes at least 8-9 months. The process involves initial interview and then substantive interview, the process is severely backlogged currently, this was exacerbated by the Covid lockdowns when no interviews were conducted. Due to the backlog and accommodation shortage, the Home Office have obtained hotels to accommodate asylum seekers. Three hotels in Gloucestershire accommodate 400 people.</p> <p>If asylum seekers receive a positive decision, they have a 28 day right to claim the housing that they are in, excluding hotels. There is a growing local community who have lived experience of being a refugee.</p> <p>Safeguarding concerns include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young People – inaccurate age assessments are being completed by the Home Office, rather than Children's Social Care; many are not actually adults. There has been a significant increase in young people in care who are under 21, over 120 now, one third from out of county, often they have made the journey alone. This cohort require a lot of support. • Funding – limited funding is provided, and it varies considerably between the different schemes. • Trauma – asylum seekers have high levels of resilience but have experienced trauma and high levels of abuse. <p>GARAS provide psychotherapeutic support for those living with their experiences. Women can culturally and due to their immigration status become incredibly vulnerable. GARAS have a dedicated women's support worker. Asylum seekers are more susceptible to both internal and external trafficking.</p> <p>According to Home Office figures, in 2021 only 4% of asylum cases had been dealt with; cases are taking longer to process and 123,000 people are currently awaiting processing.</p> <p>PY asked about the structure of GARAS. AO explained that they have a team of 23 staff; some projects are funded through the local authority and others through charitable donations.</p> <p>VM asked about the referral pathway. Referrals arrive via different routes including other agencies and word of mouth. GARAS will physically collect families from the airport. VM noted that people often miss out on support, offend and come to the attention of Probation. AO advised that Immigration is a massive area of law and GARAS are only able to focus on Asylum and Resettlement.</p>	

	<p>PY and AO will meet to further discuss assurance. Action: CB to arrange a meeting between PY and AO to discuss assurance</p>	CB
7.	<p>International Resettlement Update DK presented on the International Resettlement scheme.</p> <p> Afghan Resettlement Scheme</p> <p>The Resettlement Scheme forms part of the Gloucestershire Strategic Partnership. The scheme has 29 families, in 30 properties; currently there are 118 individuals in Gloucestershire.</p> <p>DK shared details of the Enhanced Matching Policy which came into force in May 2022, in which families are given two offers of accommodation, if these are both refused, they move onto the homelessness pathway.</p> <p>Gloucestershire was asked to provide a decision as to whether the county would increase their pledge response to the Afghan Resettlement Scheme. It was agreed they will keep the current pledge at 35 and pause taking further referrals through the standard procedure until the 2023/24 financial year, as a significant number of additional referrals will arrive via the homelessness pathway.</p> <p>From a safeguarding perspective, there are few safeguarding concerns. DK shared the details of one case.</p> <p>DK has been liaising with Dorset Council and Relate regarding a Domestic Abuse Workshop which is hoped to run in Gloucestershire. GARAS have established a dedicated Women's Group, as a safe space and it is well attended.</p> <p>DK is starting a forum for Education Providers with the aim of offering ESOL/English language access equality to all.</p> <p>HB mentioned the recruitment issues surrounding Care staff and wondered if an employment pathway, through Proud to Care, could be considered.</p>	
8.	<p>JK 'Jasmine' Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) JW, as Chair of the GSAB SAR Sub Group, presented the Jasmine SAR, a joint Safeguarding Children's and Adults Review.</p> <p> SAR - Jasmine.pptx</p> <p>Jasmine was a 19-year-old care leaver who sustained life changing injuries after an overdose in October 2020. JW discussed the methodology and additional considerations of the review, life journey and reviewer's conclusions. The author was complimentary of the Housing Providers support. Jasmine was at constant risk of self injury and the outcome was unlikely to be prevented. There are opportunities to improve the multi-agency care leavers pathway, reviewing how care leavers are placed in accommodation and how higher levels of support can be provided. Safeguarding Adults are leading on the Action Plan, but significant multi-agency work is required.</p> <p>HW expressed how stretched staff are, especially post pandemic; GHC are starting to provide lived experience trauma informed training.</p> <p>MM highlighted the positive comments regarding the Housing Provider but was concerned that there is insufficient link up between them and other agencies at times.</p> <p>PY has met with Mark Power, the GSCP Independent Scrutineer, to discuss the</p>	

	<p>recommendations of the review. It has been agreed that the Care Leavers Pathway should be widened to include all young people transitioning with complex needs.</p> <p>AW will be discussing this at the next Young Gloucestershire meeting and will share their thoughts and suggestions.</p> <p>PY, SJ, JW and Children's will meet to discuss the agencies that need to be involved in taking the recommendations forward.</p> <p>Action: CB to arrange meeting for PY, SJ, JW and Children's to discuss the recommendations</p> <p>JW concluded that the SAR Sub group have created the Action Plan but will rely heavily on all agencies to implement these changes.</p>	CB
9.	<p>Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS)</p> <p>SJ shared the LPS update.</p> <p> Liberty Protection Safeguards.pptx</p> <p>SJ recapped on the planned remit of LPS including the Supervisory Body becoming four Responsible Bodies (ICB, Acute Trust, GHC and LA). LPS will include individuals in their own homes, and 16 and 17-year-olds. No statutory definition of DoLS has been provided in the draft Code of Practice, so the Acid Test still applies.</p> <p>The three key assessments, diagnosis of a mental disorder, capacity and necessary and proportionate will be carried out by registered professionals, ensuring that more than one professional is involved. Front line practitioners, rather than BIAs, will complete the assessments, the BIAs will become Approved Mental Capacity Professionals (AMCPs) and will review assessments.</p> <p>The final Code of Practice is awaited and the implementation date for LPS will be determined when it is published.</p> <p>It is evident from the draft Code of Practice that efforts have been made to reduce the number of people subject to LPS. The 'Ferreira Carve Out' means that if an individual is subject to the same medical treatment as anyone else, then LPS will not apply.</p> <p>The LPS draft's new definition of continuous supervision and control is at variance with current case law and this has raised concerns.</p> <p>The use of professionals only to complete assessments causes significant concerns for Adult Social Care, as the majority of their staff are not social workers. The 'assistance of non-qualified staff', as defined in the draft Code of Practice, has yet to be clarified. It is also expected that the costs associated with LPS have been significantly underestimated.</p> <p>Implementation planning includes MCA training, ongoing scoping, workforce calculations and consideration of the process for S117 and joint funded cases. A joint agency oversight group is needed to share information and plan training.</p> <p>PY asked what currently exists locally, SJ advised that GCC have a project group including Adults and Children's, GHC have an LPS Lead and the Acute Trust are currently recruiting one. Simon Thomason is the MCA Lead, but the ICB do not have an LPS Lead. HW advised that GHC have produced an LPS paper and can update the group on progress.</p> <p>SJ recommended that using BIAs will be key for all Responsible Bodies, but they</p>	

	<p>must be currently undertaking assessments.</p> <p>VLT asked if the training will make it clear that the Cheshire West definition is being used and SJ confirmed it would. SJ advised that 39 Essex Chambers and Law Society have objected to the definition used in the draft Code of Practice.</p>	
10.	<p>Strategic Plan and Risk Register GSAB Strategic Plan 2022-25</p> <p>The Strategic Plan is currently half way through its first year. Updates are shown in green and demonstrate the large amount of work completed. An update is needed from DP, to evidence the work completed by GFRS. DP agreed to provide additional Fire information.</p> <p>Action: DP to provide evidence of the work undertaken against the GSAB Strategic Plan</p> <p>GSAB Risk Register 2022-25</p> <p>There has been no change since the last meeting. The one Red risk, regarding GCC performance data, is ongoing and has been escalated. Monthly performance meetings are taking place. EW advised that the lack of data is unacceptable and provided assurance that she is working to resolve the matter.</p>	DP
11.	<p>Cross Cutting issues to follow up with GSCP</p> <p>HB raised inter-county placements; they are developing a document similar to children's and will share it once complete. PY said this would be valuable and he will share it with South West colleagues too.</p>	
12.	<p>Issues to be raised with NHS (South) QSG</p> <p>None</p>	
13.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 9.30am</p>	