

**Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB) Meeting**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 10.00 am**

**Teleconference via Microsoft Teams**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Paul Yeatman (Chair) (PY)	Independent Chair, GSAB
Sarah Scott (SSC)	Executive Director Adult Social Care and Public Health, GCC
Matt Lennard (ML)	Chief Officer, Gloucestershire VCS Alliance & Chair of the Comms & Engagement GSAB Sub Group
Sarah Jasper (SJ)	Head of Safeguarding Adults, Gloucestershire County Council
Sarah Simmons (SS)	Inspector, Gloucestershire Constabulary
Jo Underwood (JU)	Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
Carolyn Bell (CB)	GSAB Business Manager, GCC
Annette Blackstock (AB)	Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children & Safeguarding Adults Manager, NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group – Representing Marion Andrews-Evans
Holly Beaman (HB)	Lead Commissioner - Learning Disabilities & Physical Disabilities, GCC/GCCG
Clare Lucas (CL)	Healthwatch
Paula Massey (PM)	Enabling Manager, Resident Services Group, Forest of Dean and Cotswold District Councils – Representing Mandy Fathers
Donna Potts (DPo)	Prevention Manager, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Karen Smith (KS)	Head of Regulatory Services and Consumer Protection, Trading Standards Services, GCC
Dawn Porter (DP)	Director Adult Social Care Operations, GCC
Hannah Williams (HW)	Deputy Director of Nursing and Quality, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (GHC)
Caroline Walker (CW)	Head of Community Services, Cheltenham Borough Homes
Rosie Luce (RL)	Assistant Director of Quality and Safeguarding & Regional Lead for Safeguarding, NHS England and NHS Improvement – SW POhWER – Representing Anna Hansell
Tammy Ford (TF)	Advanced Customer Support Senior Leader, DWP
Hamish Robertson (HR)	Acting Deputy Chief Nurse, GHNHSFT
Evelyn Olivant (EO)	Safeguarding Admin Manager, Safeguarding Adults GCC
Samantha Lancaster (Minutes)	

**Apologies:**

Marion Andrews-Evans (MAE)	Executive Nurse & Quality Lead, NHS GCCG
Angela Willis (AW)	Workforce Strategy Manager, GCC
Jenny Cooper (JC)	Lead Commissioner - Older People, GCC/GCCG
Steve O'Neill (SO'N)	Outcome Manager - Drugs & Alcohol, Public Health, GCC
Val Baker (VB)	Department of Work and Pensions
Mary Morgan (MM)	Lead Commissioner - Housing, Health & Care, GCC/GCCG
Vicci Livingstone-Thompson(VLT)	Chief Executive, Inclusion Gloucestershire

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1.	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> No declarations of interest were made.	
2.	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting – 25/02/2021</b> RL gave apologies before the last meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 25/02/2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	<b>Matters Arising from 25/02/2021</b> The Risk Register will be updated following the completion of the new Strategic Plan, later in the year. All Actions completed.	
4.	<p><b>Items from the Chair</b> PY welcomed Sarah Scott to her first Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board meeting as the new Executive Director Adult Social Care and Public Health.</p> <p><b>GSAB Strategic Plan</b> - PY updated on the new GSAB Strategic Plan; the next six months will include a consultation period, before implementation of the three year plan later this year. A key focus of the Care Act is to prevent abuse and neglect and therefore prevention will be a key theme. A meeting will be held with Healthwatch in June, followed by consultation with other community groups including Advocacy and the VCS. A task and finish group may also be created. ML suggesting using the Global Majorities Forum (previously the BAME forum) and HB offered the five Partnerships Boards. SSC highlighted the specific cohort of adults with complex lives who are not being reached, including those with Mental Health issues, homelessness and substance misuse concerns. SJ and PY have recently met with two Lead Commissioners to start these conversations.</p> <p><b>COVID- 19 Insight Project</b> – Further to the initial report, the second Insight Project covers June 2020 to December 2020 and logs Safeguarding Adults activity during the pandemic. It indicates that rates of Safeguarding concerns were higher in 2020 than 2019 and that domestic abuse, psychological abuse and self neglect have increased significantly. Gloucestershire reflects the national picture. A surge in demand in services is expected as the pandemic restrictions ease. The Insight Project report will be circulated to the group on publication.</p> <p><b>Action: CB to distribute the Insight Project Report on publication</b> RL queried Gloucestershire's approach to unknown carers. HB advised of the carer's work that has been undertaken, including the 'Carer Aware' campaign, which helps individuals to identify themselves as carers and advises of the support available.</p> <p><b>ADASS Careers and Safeguarding Adults Document</b> – A review is being undertaken of this ADASS document. There is an increased risk for informal carers, especially new informal carers during the pandemic, who have suffered an increase in risk, stress, inability to protect themselves, exploitation, exhaustion, isolation and increased financial and physical/wellbeing concerns.</p> <p><b>New Escalation Protocol for Safeguarding Adults Boards</b> – A three stage protocol has been produced which raises recommendations for learning from regional level to national level, via the Regional and National level SAB Chairs, and onto the Department of Health and Social Care, if further escalation is</p>	CB

	required.	
5.	<p><b>GSAB Roadshow Update</b></p> <p>PY thanked ML and his extended team, on behalf of the Board, for their involvement in the recent successful GSAB Roadshows.</p> <p>ML provided an overview of the GSAB Roadshow held between 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021, a week of morning events, held virtually, shining a light on safeguarding during the COVID-19 pandemic. The particular focus was on the Voluntary and Community Sectors contribution to keeping people safe during this challenging time. Each day had a specific theme: Financial Abuse, Domestic Abuse, Substance Misuse, Mental Heath and Disability. Each session had three or four presentations, followed by a breakout room session to gain feedback. The feedback will be used to formulate the new GSAB Strategic Plan. These were attended by approximately 500 people across the whole week; the audience was diverse including participants from outside of Gloucestershire. Online events are more accessible for many, but school holidays or events planned for the same week can prove difficult for some.</p>	
6.	<p><b>DoLS/LPS Update</b></p> <p>SJ provided an update on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS). DoLS started in 2009; the Cheshire West Acid Test judgement of 2014 created a huge increase in DoLS applications, from 120 a year to 2,200 in 2021. Due to the large number of applications awaiting assessment, DoLS has become untenable and LPS has been devised as a replacement.</p> <p> LPS key facts 2021.pdf</p> <p>The presentation included an overview of LPS including Responsible Bodies and the wider scope of LPS, to include the community and 16+ year olds, in line with the Mental Capacity Act. LPS was due to start in October 2020, but was delayed due to the pandemic, it is now planned for April 2022. The proposed LPS timeline is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Code of Practice due in mid June 2021</li> <li>• A 12 week consultation process will follow</li> <li>• A 10-12 week response time</li> <li>• Sit in Parliament for 40 days</li> <li>• Finalised Code of Practice due mid January 2022</li> <li>• LPS starts April 2022</li> </ul> <p>There will be a South West regional event in July and a local event, providing the opportunity to comment on and shape LPS. The government will not consider the timeline until the consultation and feedback periods have concluded. There will be no additional funding to address the DoLS backlog but there is some funding for implementation. It is envisaged that there will be a large impact on resources, especially within Adult Social Care and the Acute Trust, and there are concerns</p>	

	<p>around using only registered professionals, which would be problematic for the ASC workforce. The GCC LPS Project Group has reconvened and the Integrated Care Services (ICS) Project Group continues, allowing for information sharing and partnership working.</p> <p>The DoLS team have recruited two additional Best Interest Assessors. The DoLS backlog remains steady at 1,400 cases, with the priority continuing to be those at highest risk.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Adults at Risk and Police Changes Update</b></p> <p>SS will lead a new Safeguarding Adults, Missing &amp; Mental Health (SAMM) Team. The terms of reference are currently being considered, it is expected that the team will consist of five, including two PCs for missing persons and mental health. There has been a surge in Safeguarding Adults referrals since lockdown restrictions eased. There were 200 VISTS last week alone, which compares dramatically to the 94 received in the same period in 2019. The referrals include complex and compounded issues including suicide attempts, financial loss and relationship breakdowns.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Social Isolation</b></p> <p>JU gave a presentation on Social Isolation and Loneliness which included why social isolation is a priority, what actions are being taken, how these will be measured and the resources that are available.</p> <p> Social Isolation Loneliness - Feb 21.p</p> <p>PY noted that raising awareness of social isolation, loneliness and frailty has been a GSAB priority since 2018, especially in rural areas. Financial crime and scams can be linked to isolation; KS offered Trading Standards support with scam awareness training and 'Friends against Scams'. HB agreed to liaise with JU over friends/families and relationships. AB advised that the CCG Safeguarding Team have an animation that helps to understand Adult Safeguarding. JU will include GSAB as a stakeholder in the future for any Steering Group.</p> <p> 20190820 Deep Dive Social Isolation.pdf</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Strategic Plan and Risk Register</b></p> <p>There has been no change to the Risk Register since the last Board meeting; it will be reviewed once the new GSAB Strategic Plan is in place.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>SAR Sub Group Update</b></p> <p>AB, Chair of the GSAB SAR Sub Group, provided an update on the current Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) including the Five Women SAR, 'Peter', the Alcohol Related Deaths Audit and the JK joint review.</p> <p>The same themes run through all of the current reviews and include Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the need for a trauma informed approach. Those who have early experience of abuse often cope by using alcohol and/or drugs. Professionals struggle to work with such complexity, and despite many good services in Gloucestershire, it can lead to a fragmented approach.</p>	

	 SAR Update.png <p>HW offered collaborative work with the 'last 12 months of life' theme. She advised of the non medical Supportive and Palliative Indicators Care Tool (SPICT), which St Mungo's trialled with the homeless community. RL also mentioned the national health focus on care leavers being led by Michael Gove.</p>	
11.	<b>Cross Cutting Issues to follow up with GSCE</b> Transitions was raised by AB; the creation of a Transitions Group is likely to be a recommendation from the Five Women SAR. DP advised that she would like to be involved in any transitions work.	
12.	<b>Issues to be raised with NHS (South) QSG</b> No issues were raised.	
13.	<b>Any Other Business</b> No issues were raised.	
<b>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021, AM</b>		