

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB) Meeting

Tuesday 25th February 2025, 9:30am

Virtual Meeting Via MS Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Paul Yeatman (Chair) (PY)	Independent Chair, GSAB
Sarah Jasper (SJ)	Head of Safeguarding Adults, GCC
Cllr Carole Allaway-Martin (CAM)	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Steve Bean (SB)	Head of Public Protection, Gloucestershire Constabulary
Jeanette Welsh (JW)	Safeguarding Adults Lead, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHSFT
Emily White (EW)	Director of Quality, Performance and Strategy, GCC
Carolyn Bell (CB) (Minutes)	GSAB Business Manager, GCC
Sam O'Malley (SO)	Designated Safeguarding Nurse, ICB
Donna Potts (DP)	Head of Safeguarding & Prevention Manager, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Lisa Walker (LW)	Service Manager, Gloucestershire Carers Hub
Nina Kane (NK)	Probation Service
Jonathan Newman (JN)	Named Nurse for Adult Safeguarding, GHC
Lerryn Udy (LU)	Head of Safeguarding, SWAST
Amanda Wray (AW)	Safeguarding Manager, Cheltenham Borough Homes
Vicky Livingstone-Thompson (VLT)	Chief Executive, Inclusion Gloucestershire
Caroline Lucas-Mouat (CLM)	Strategic Housing Lead (Domestic Abuse)
Andy Wood (AW)	Gloucester City Homes
Paul Gray (PG)	Head of Safeguarding, GHC
Lerryn Udy (LU)	SWAST
Tammy Wheatley (TW)	Head of Corporate Parenting, GCC
Helen Flitton (HF)	Head of Inclusion Health, Public Health and Communities, GCC
Cath Bennett (CB)	MAPPA Co-ordinator
Steve Shelley-King (SSK)	Consultant Dementia Nurse

Apologies:

Marie Crofts (MC)	Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Gloucestershire ICB
Sarah Scott (SS)	Executive Director Adult Social Care and Public Health, GCC
Susan Hughes (SH)	Forest of Dean and Cotswold District Councils
Keith Gerrard (KGe)	Stroud District Council
Jason Poole (JP)	Trading Standards
Adele Owen (AO)	GARAS
Karl Gluck (KG)	Mental Health, Advocacy and Autism Commissioner, GCC/ICB
Clare Lucas (CL)	Healthwatch Gloucestershire
Craig Tucker (CT)	Kingfisher Treasure Seekers
Jessica John (JJ)	Designated Safeguarding Lead, Young Gloucestershire
Sarah Hawker (SH)	Department of Work and Pensions
Hannah Williams (HW)	Deputy Director of Nursing Therapy and Quality, GHC

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1	Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were made.	
2	Minutes of the Last Meeting	

	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 26/11/2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising from 26/11/2024 All matters arising are complete.</p>	
4	<p>Items from the Chair</p> <p>Interviews for the new Independent Chair are taking place next week with several partners involved. The new GSAB Support Officer will start on 24th March. Funding is being sought for a Multi-Agency Risk Management (MARM) Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Following the Extraordinary GSAB meeting in December, minor changes have been made to the EP SAR Report, which will be ratified at the SAR sub group meeting on 4th March. There has been an increase in the number of SAR referrals received over the last few months and these will be discussed then too. The National SAB Chairs Executive met on 24th February and an Essential Guide for SAB Chairs is being produced, along with a Guide for Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs).</p> <p>Workstreams are being taken forward as a result of the Second National SAR Analysis, which include the impact of SARs and a briefing for government on the Care Act, ten years on.</p> <p>SAB performance monitoring is being discussed along with Adult Safeguarding Powers of Entry.</p>	
5	<p>Business Planning Group Exception Reporting</p> <p>The CQC Inspection highlighted the need to evidence a stronger connection between the Board and Business Planning Group. The minutes are always provided in the Board papers, but a new agenda item has been added to further strengthen this.</p> <p>An overview of the meeting was provided coverings SARs, audits, policy updates and an increase in dwelling fires. The Police also highlighted the difference between their adult at risk definition and that of care and support needs.</p>	
6	<p>Statutory Partner Highlight Reports</p> <p>PG advised that GHC receive on average seven calls a day to their Safeguarding Advice Line, which covers both adults and children. They are analysing usage amongst the various teams.</p> <p>SJ advised that 66 Adult Social Care audits have now been completed, 30% of which required improvement, a recurring theme is advocacy not being utilised. These have been analysed, and reasons include the case was closed before an advocate was allocated, as there can be a delay with this.</p> <p>PY asked when the team will be able to start contacting those involved in the S42 enquiry, after it has closed. SJ advised that the team have staffing issues currently. EW and SJ met with Adi Cooper, Care and Health Improvement Adviser, Partners in Care and Health, to discuss the CQC Improvement Plan and other ways of obtaining data without contacting the person.</p> <p>SB raised that the Police saw an increase in mental health crisis over the Christmas period and asked if other agencies had seen this too. The right resources are needed to help people over this period.</p> <p>EW asked whether a GSAB Cuckooing Policy is needed; the emerging themes around MARM and MEAM would potentially support an adults MASH.</p> <p>Action: Take EW suggestion for a GSAB Cuckooing Policy to the next GSAB Policy and Procedure sub group meeting</p>	PY/CB

	<p>SB suggested that Neil Smith, Strategic Serious Violence Prevention Coordinator, would be a good contact for PY to speak to about exploitation. SO raised the high number of MARACs requests for information, received by health partners, about 600 a month. SO is looking at whether they can collate responses jointly and will spend some time in the MASH to understand the process.</p> <p>Action: EW to provide a CQC Inspection update at the next Board meeting – CB to add onto the May agenda</p>	CB
7	<p>Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Update</p>  <p>20250225_MEAM in Gloucestershire_GSAE</p> <p>Last autumn, Gloucestershire were successful in a bid to join MEAM, which provides access to an online platform, shares best practice, learning and resources. Multiple disadvantage is a systemic issue and organisations are seeing more individuals with complex needs.</p> <p>MEAM focuses on adults experiencing multiple disadvantages, such as homelessness, mental health issues and substance misuse. The aim is to embed trauma informed ways of working, looking to create culture change across organisations.</p> <p>A small cohort have been selected, they are rough sleepers with complex emotional needs, they routinely fall through the gaps and struggle to engage with agencies.</p> <p>MEAM will sit under GSAB, with a MEAM sub group, which will be multi-agency and focus on data and comms. The MEAM Co-ordinator will sit in the GCC Safeguarding Adults Team. This will be a strategic role which supports those working on the frontline. There has been a significant increase in the number of concerns that do not meet the Care Act criteria. There will be a strong prevention focus.</p>	
8	<p>MAPPA Update</p>  <p>MAPPA Awareness Briefing ASB 250225.j</p> <p>Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) was introduced in 2001 following the murder of Sarah Payne, to manage risks posed by violent and sexual offenders. MAPPA is not a statutory body but a mechanism for agencies to meet and coordinate public protection efforts.</p> <p>Agencies Involved: Responsible Authorities: Police, Probation Service and Prison Service. Duty to Cooperate Agencies: Housing, Health, Children's Social Care, Adult Social Care, Youth Offending Teams, Employment Services and Electronic Monitoring Services.</p> <p>Core Functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the safe and secure information exchange between agencies • Promote shared understanding of risk issues • Coordinate robust multi-agency risk management plans <p>Categories and Levels of MAPPA Management</p>	

	<p>Categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Sex Offenders • Violent and Other Sexual Offenders (sentenced to 12 months or more) or detained in hospital (Mental Health Act) • Other Dangerous Offenders <p>Levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-agency support • Active multi-agency management • Enhanced multi-agency management <p>Agencies share information to create a shared risk assessment and management plan. Decisions and actions remain the responsibility of the agency carrying them out.</p> <p>NK raised the link with the MEAM agenda; individuals with multiple complex needs are those who are coming to MAPPA.</p> <p>PY asked if the police still have a Potentially Dangerous Persons Policy and SB confirmed that it was refreshed last year.</p>	
9	<p>Domestic Abuse Strategy Update</p>  <p>Domestic Abuse Strategy Summary sli</p> <p>The strategy is a refresh, covering 2025-2028. It was developed following a domestic abuse needs assessment, survivor consultation and workshops by the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board.</p> <p>Five strategic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention and Early Intervention • Multi-Agency Working and Pathway Development • Workforce Development • High-Quality Service Provision • Breaking the Cycle of Perpetrator Behaviour <p>Cross-Cutting Objectives and Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support from Partnership Board Members: Thematic groups to focus on specific areas like health and criminal justice. • Survivor Voice: Ensuring survivor input influences all aspects of the strategy. • Communication and Awareness: A comprehensive plan to streamline communication and awareness activities across all priorities. <p>The strategy is still in the consultation phase, with opportunities for feedback from partners and stakeholders. The final strategy will be published after a ten-week consultation period and approval by the County Council's cabinet. It will then go to the district councils for sign off.</p>	
10	<p>Dementia Steering Group Update</p>  <p>Dementia slides GSAB February 2025.</p>	

	<p>There is a Dementia Strategy, covering 2023-28, which details the ambitions for the five years.</p> <p>The key objectives from the strategy cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing • Diagnosing • Supporting • Living • Dying <p>Overarching Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Training: A dedicated Dementia Education Team provides training across various sectors, including care homes, police and the public. • Care: Emphasis on proactive and personalised care planning. • Research: Engagement in local, regional, national and international research projects. • Working with Communities: Public engagement sessions and dementia action days to raise awareness and educate the community. • Links with Frailty and end of life <p>Integrated Care System Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural and Diversity Dementia Network: Focuses on educating diverse communities about dementia • Young Onset Dementia Sub Group: Addressing the unique needs of people with young onset dementia • Dementia Education and Training Network: Supporting trainers and delivering public engagement sessions • Alcohol-Related Brain Injury Working Group: Identifying and supporting people with alcohol-related brain injuries <p>SSK said he would like to discuss safeguarding themes regarding dementia and both SJ and SO said they would be happy to discuss.</p>	
11	Cross Cutting Issues to follow up with GSCP None raised.	
12	Issues to be raised with NHS (South) QSG None reported.	
13	Any Other Business PY asked Board members to attend the May meeting in person if at all possible.	
	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th May 2025	