



North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board

News from the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board

SAB Learning

SAR 'Ian'

In March the NY SAB published the findings from SAR 'Ian'

The report makes a number of recommendations to the individual agencies involved and the SAB as a whole, all of which are accepted by the SAB in full.

As agreed with his family, the pseudonym of 'Ian' has been used for this review. You can read the Safeguarding Adult Review in respect of 'Ian' [here](#).

Mr K SAR

The NYSAB has recently been involved in a Learning Disability and Mortality Review which was undertaken in partnership with Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board and Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board. The review found a number of areas of **good practice** of those who supported Mr K throughout his life. No abuse or neglect was identified. In contrast, **the review identified positive partnership working** in caring for Mr K and noted the dedication of those in North Yorkshire who worked with him. Further information about the review and its findings can be found on the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board website [here](#)

WELCOME

I would like to welcome you to the second edition of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board newsletter.

We publish this at a time of great difficulty and uncertainty and a time that is leaving many people feeling more vulnerable and isolated than ever.

As a safeguarding adults board it is our responsibility to ensure that those who are most at risk across North Yorkshire are protected from harm, abuse and neglect and that they are supported through these trying times.

It is inevitable that organisations will be impacted by COVID-19 and this will cause delays and disruption to services. I want to give assurance that the SAB, both as a whole and as individual agencies, is working hard to keep people safe whether this be in health services, social care, emergency services, care settings, local communities or within peoples' own homes. We're also working together to minimise service disruption where we can.

We now have a dedicated page on our website that will share the most up to date accessible information and guidance relating to COVID-19 which you can visit by following this [link](#)

We ask that you share this information within your organisations and networks.

In ending I would like to give thanks to those who are working tirelessly to keep individuals and our communities safe. Each one of you is making a massive difference. Thank you

Dr Sue Proctor
Independent Chair, NYSAB



Safeguarding Project

In October we launched the revised safeguarding adults procedures and at the Executive meeting in February the Project Board reported on the feedback received. It shows the new procedures to be **more proportionate** and **person centred** and that the **number of formal meetings has significantly decreased**. Less time overall is now spent per Safeguarding case. Although we're only 6 months in, this is already very positive news.

You can view the full report [here](#)

LPS Update

The government have now indicated that a consultation on the code of practice will not be published until **spring 2020**, causing further delay to the original timeline. It is likely that this will also change the date for implementation, and there has been an indication that a six month 'transition' period for training and change of process will begin from October. However **we will continue to work towards a 1st October deadline** until a further update is received.

To keep up to date with all of the latest LPS developments visit the SCIE website [here](#)

Development Day Feedback

Last year at the NYSAB Development Day in November an informed discussion regarding **support for people with learning disabilities** took place. The findings of this discussion would help to identify priorities for the Board to consider as part of its setting of **priorities for 2020/21**

A key element of the day was a 'World Café' style discussion to enable members to discuss eight questions in two sessions throughout the day with different partners in an informal way, writing their own thoughts on the table cloths.



Sam Suttar and Christopher Porter, self-advocates from the **Learning Disability Partnership Board**, were in attendance to provide an overview of the work that the LDPB has already undertaken in this area and provided expertise and input to the Board discussions to ensure that the voice of people with learning disabilities is an integral part of any ongoing work of the Board.

Across all of the conversations during the development day, the reoccurring themes were **the sharing of information**; availability of **training** both for **professionals and individuals** with a **learning disability and/or autism** and **their families** and **carers** which is **inclusive** and **accessible**; **better engagement and communication**; **accessible information and communication methods** as standard; **identifying local trends** and **developing targeted work plans** around this.

The full report from the Development Day can be found [here](#) on the NYSAB website



Campaigns & Awareness

Marie Collins Foundation

So Socking Simple Campaign

The **#SoSockingSimple** campaign is jointly lead by the Government, Marie Collins Foundation and the Internet Watch Foundation to educate and **empower young men to navigate the internet** more responsibly.

We all want to do the right thing online, but it's not always clear how. The campaign aims to address this by raising awareness of the law: **that sexual images or videos of under 18s online are illegal**, even if the person featured looks older. If such content is stumbled across, individuals are encouraged to do the right thing by **reporting it anonymously to the Internet Watch Foundation so the content can be swiftly removed**. This could ultimately lead to the safeguarding of the victim featured. More information can be found [here](#)

Upcoming Awareness Campaigns

World Stalking Awareness Week (6th - 10th April)

Mental Health Awareness Week (18th - 24th May)

Safeguarding Week

22nd - 26th June

Given the current situation we will not be holding public facing events during this event, however a number of useful resources will be shared via our website and Twitter page throughout the week

The **Local Safeguarding Partnerships** have been working to identify areas of focus and awareness raising throughout **Safeguarding Week** in each of the 4 localities in North Yorkshire with the following topics being highlighted:

- Hambleton & Richmondshire: **Mental Health** and **Vulnerability**
- Harrogate and Craven: **County Lines** and **Cuckooing**
- Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale: **Child** and **adult exploitation**
- Selby: **Vulnerability**

Joint Communications & Engagement



The Board have taken the decision to disestablish the Communications and Engagement sub-group so now we will focus on **Joint Comms & Engagement** with the **Safeguarding Children Partnership** and **Community Safety Partnership**

The SAB will now work with SCP and CSP to produce a **Joint Communication Strategy** and **12 Month Events Calendar** to co-ordinate events and awareness campaigns and ensure we have a consistent approach across the Board and Partnerships to spread the message that **Safeguarding is everybody's business** across North Yorkshire

Comms & Engagement Project

Following the feedback from the SAB development day, the SAB website will undergo a full review over the next six months and partners will be invited to contribute to the development of materials in different formats, including **easy read, video, BSL, audio** and **podcasts**, working towards a **fully accessible website** with information for all.

Going forward this will include **Easy Read SAB minutes** and an **Easy Read Annual Report**, together with a **video introduction** to the report. We will also be working with our partners at **Healthwatch** to develop a survey so that we can **hear the voices of those who are hardest to reach** and ensuring that the information we share is what people want, how people want it and most importantly, is in a format that is accessible to all.

Keeping Safe Guides



It is important that everyone has the information they need to be safe and feel safe.

We worked with self-advocates from the North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board and Inclusion North to make easy read books about Keeping Safe.

- Book 1 is about different types of abuse that can happen.
- Book 2 is about telling someone about abuse that is happening
- Book 3 is about making a report to the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board

All the books are free on our website: <http://safeguardingadults.co.uk/keeping-safe/easy-read-guides/>



The Safeguarding Adults Board worked with the North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board and Inclusion North to write some easy read books about 'Keeping Safe' which you can find on our website by clicking [here](#)

Over the next few weeks we will be launching both our hard copies and audio versions the latter will be available via the NYSAB website

In the meantime, don't forget to share our Easy Read flyer with people or [download here](#) to put up on your workplace wall

Worried about someone or need help?

Abuse is always wrong. No one should have to face abuse. By reporting it you can bring it to an end.

If you or the person you are concerned about is in danger and immediate action is required, you should ring the emergency services on **999**.

If you or the person you are concerned about are not in immediate danger, you should ring our customer services centre on **01609 780 780**. This includes out of office hours.

The Minicom number is **01609 779 838**

Get in touch

If there is anything you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter or you simply want to get in touch or to keep up to date with the work of the NYSAB you can contact us using the methods below



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