



Bristol Safeguarding Adults Board

Annual Report 2015—2016

Who are we and what do we do?

Safeguarding adults is about working with adults with care and support needs to keep them safe from abuse or neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent abuse.

Bristol Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) is a group of professionals which the Government says must meet to ensure that safeguarding adults at risk is managed well within the city.



The BSAB is led by an independent chair, Louise Lawton, whose role it is to oversee the BSAB and ensure the plans, made by each agency and the wider partnership, to safeguard and promote the health and welfare of adults within Bristol are met.

What has happened in the last year that has shaped what we do?

The Care Act 2014 is the law which stated what we must do in relation to the board. Some organisations such as the Police, Council and NHS must be on the Board. Other organisations for example providers of health, housing, social care services and people who use services or their representatives could also be on the board.

The BSAB must complete Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR). This is a process where agencies identify lessons that can be learned from cases where an adult with care and support needs has died or been seriously injured and abuse or neglect is suspected. The board published a Serious Case Review (SCR) this year which had five recommendations to improve practice in Bristol. There will be more published next year.

What are our priorities?

Our Priorities are aligned to the six principles of safeguarding as set out by the Care Act 2014:

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| Empowerment | Prevention |
| Proportionality | Protection |
| Partnership and Engagement | Accountability |



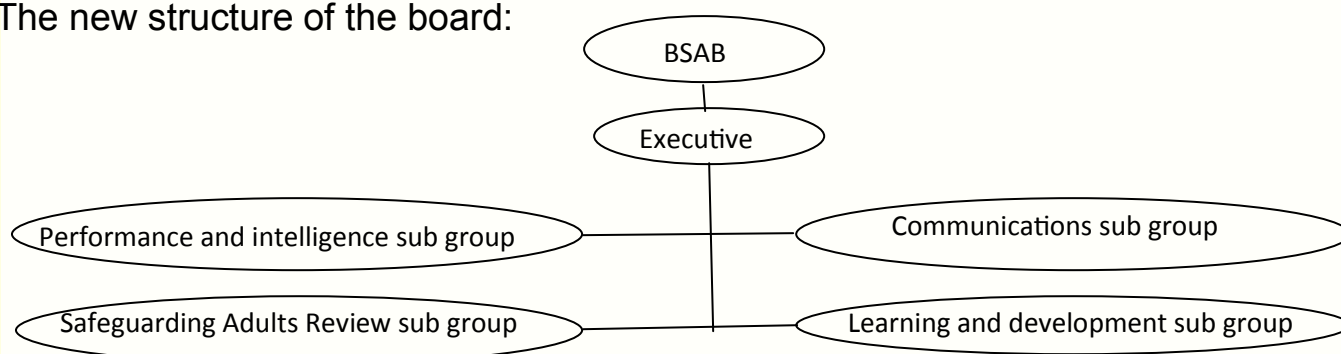
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What were our plans for the year?

To review the structure of BSAB due to the Care Act to ensure it is effective and able to deliver the best outcomes.

The new structure of the board:

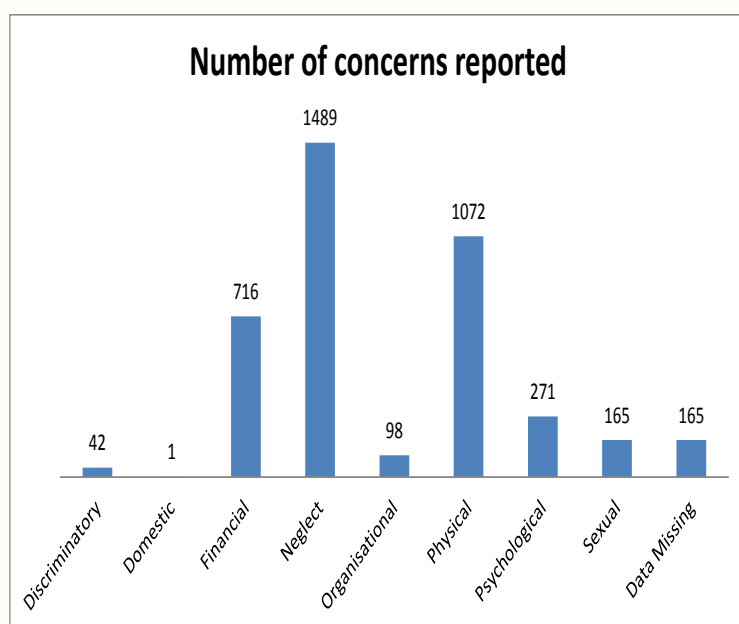


To publish a strategic plan (2015 – 2018) which states our strategic priorities.

These are contained within our Annual Report 2015/2016 where you will be able to see evidence of the progress that has been made.

Who did we help in 2015 / 2016

In this year the number of concerns that were reported to the local authority as safeguarding were 4019.



This table shows the largest number of concerns were about neglect and financial abuse. This is not surprising as self neglect is a new category and it is hard to determine where self neglect becomes harmful.

The majority of these concerns occurred in the person's own home and approximately the same number of concerns occurred either in a care home or hospital.



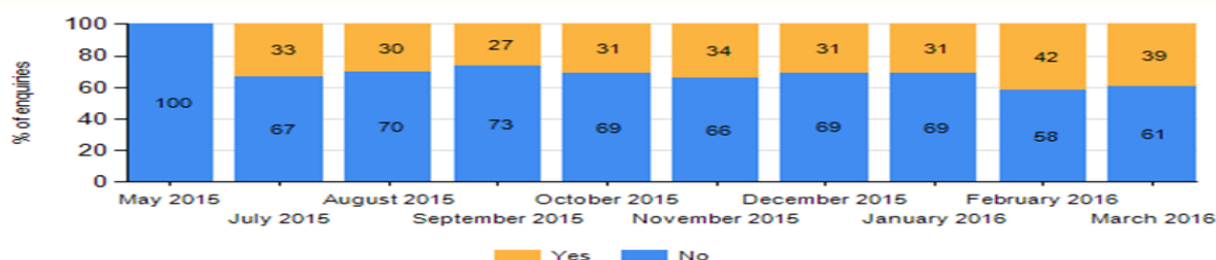
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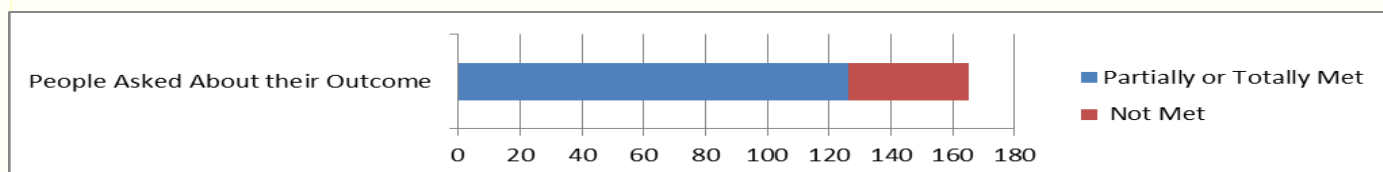
To increase the number of people who self refer to safeguarding or give consent for the referral.

The graph below shows some improvement but we will continue to work on this.



To ask the person what they wanted to happen at the end of the process and find out if we were successful.

We asked 165 people what they wanted to happen and 126 of them said, at the end, that we had fully or partially met their outcome; this is 76%.



To produce a quality assurance and learning and improvement framework.

During 2015-2016 the board has developed tools called a **Quality Assurance Framework** and a **Learning and Improvement Framework**. When this is used by everyone the work in relation to Safeguarding Adults can be measured and reported to the board so that we can learn where we can improve and work to make things better.

To improve our policies, procedures and guidance.

During 2015-2016 procedures and guidance in relation to safeguarding adults have been developed and a **Safeguarding Adults Multi-Agency Policy** has been developed with our neighbouring boards in South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset agreed by the board and published. This means that people who work in more than one place will be following the same policy and know what to do. People who live in one area but do activities somewhere else will have the same level of support.



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What were our plans for the year?

To tell people at risk and professionals about safeguarding.

We held three events in the year:

June 2015

'Stop Adult Abuse' event for Older people: An event increasing the knowledge and skills of older people within Bristol to stay safe within their home and community.



November 2015

Staff Conference: This conference focused on the changes to safeguarding due to the Care Act 2014; Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS); The Relationship between Human Rights and Safeguarding; Self-Neglect and Hoarding.

March 2016

'Ensuring Good, Achieving Excellence' Joint Staff Conference: A joint conference was run by BSAB and the board in South Gloucestershire. This conference covered lots of areas such as: Thresholds, CQC, Self neglect services and the adult at risk's perspective.

What are our plans for next year?

1. The development of a list of groups to help us get local people more involved in our work;
2. To increase the number of people asked about their preferred outcomes
3. To hold a conference with South Gloucestershire SAB for staff;
4. To produce a new leaflet and poster telling people in Bristol about safeguarding and how to report concerns;
5. To have guidelines in place to ensure we learn lessons from Safeguarding Adult Reviews;
6. Continue to monitor and hold to account the work of organisations in the city with the aim of making Bristol a "Safer City".