



## Bristol Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter, the next three pages set out the key items that have been discussed and agreed at our recent Board meetings.

### **Policies and Procedures**

The BSAB has recently approved the following policies, guidance and protocols, which you can find on our website:

[A guide to Child Protection and Adult Safeguarding for Faith Based Establishments](#)

[Organisational Abuse and Large Scale Investigations](#)

[Safeguarding children, young people and young adults with disabilities](#)

[Good practice guide for Transitions between services for 16-25 year olds](#)



### **Mate Crime Report**

We have worked together with the Safer Bristol Partnership to undertake a [Thematic Review into Mate Crime](#). The Board heard the findings from this Review and agreed to the recommendations. Learning for professionals will be disseminated as well as resources for professionals to support adults and their families. Our Annual Conference this year will focus on Mate Crime and associated exploitation.

## Sub Groups

Each quarter the BSAB receives an update from each of the Sub Groups on the progress of the Sub Group action plans, which work towards the delivery of the overarching Business Plan.

**Learning and Development Sub Group** - This group developed a Training Survey to help determine the training needs in the City, all Board members were asked to complete this.

**Safeguarding Adults Review Sub Group** - The Board heard updates on our as yet unpublished SARs and progress on the action plans from published SARs.

**Joint Safeguarding Communications Sub Group** – This group has recently merged with the Childrens Board Communications sub group to work on joint priorities and is developing a communications strategy.

**Performance and Intelligence Sub Group** – This group works with the Data Analyst to scrutinise the data report card. They have also recently undertaken an audit of Perinatal Mental Health in conjunction with the BSCB.

## Escalation Policy

The BSAB has recently reviewed the [Escalation Policy](#); the latest version is available on the website.



## Services of Concern

Every quarter the BSAB hears about the number of services in the City that are in organisational safeguarding or have had poor quality assurance visits. The BSAB hears about arising themes and receives assurance from our partners in Bristol City Council about the action being taken.

## Presentations

The BSAB invites colleagues from services across the City to attend the Board meetings and present on priority areas for the Board. Recently the Board has received presentations from Barnardo's on the sexual exploitation of adults, Unseen to provide information on the anti-slavery partnership and Bristol City Council Housing to talk about safeguarding and homelessness. The Board also heard about the aims of the Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) Programme.

## Strategic Plan

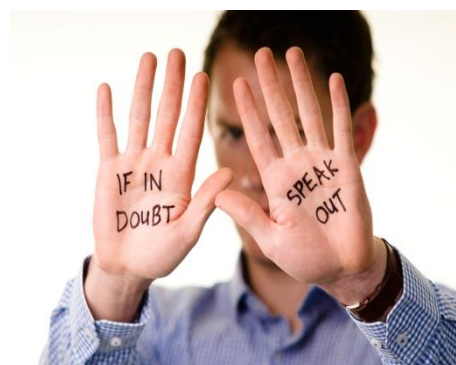
As part of the process for drafting our new Strategic Plan we created a survey, which was used to capture the views of adults who use support services and carers who look after adults in Bristol. The Board heard some of the initial findings, which included:

- 43% adults using support services say they feel safest in hospital
- 29% adults using support services said they would tell their GP if they were experiencing abuse/neglect

The Board will use the findings from the consultation to plan for the work of the Board for 2018 -2021.

## Data

Data is really important for the Board to be able to benchmark how we are performing as a City. In the last few months the Board has recruited a Data Analyst and the Board received a newly designed data report card at the March meeting. The Board heard that this was the first data score card to include data from the Police and were interested to see what trends emerge in the future.



## Stop Adult Abuse Week

This year Stop Adult Abuse Week is 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June. The annual conference in partnership with South Gloucestershire LSAB is being held on 12<sup>th</sup> June. The Board has requested good engagement with this event; further details will be available soon.

## Further information

You can find lots more information about the BSAB on our website and twitter:

[www.bristolsafeguarding.org](http://www.bristolsafeguarding.org)



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If you have a safeguarding concern about an adult in Bristol, please [click here](#) to find out how you can report your concerns.