

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS UPDATE**

**JULY 2022**

**1. Partnership Development Session**

1.1 Following the feedback gained from the development session in November 2020 an action plan was drawn up to address some of the practical issues. Additional strategic actions are to be included.

1.2 It is likely that the next Partnership Development session will be added onto the Partnership meeting on 6th October 2022. This event will be face to face at Boldon CA.

**2. Future Practice Priorities**

2.1 Following on from the evaluation of the first two practice priorities and the feedback from the Partnership development session all partners have been sent a template to outline their suggestion, rational and evidence for future practice priorities.

**3. Multi-agency Safeguarding Training**

3.1 The multi-agency training programme for 2022-23 offers a hybrid model. The face-to-face training that was implemented in April is going very well with attendees expressing their satisfaction at ‘*being back in the room*’ with other partners.



**4. Multi-agency Strategic Exploitation Group**

4.1 The multi-agency exploitation action plan across children and adults is to be populated by all partners and kept as a ‘live’ document due to the range of multi-agency activity.

4.2 The Northumbria Police Exploitation Hub is using a vulnerability tracker to create a problem profile and are looking at adding the pre-MSET data. This will support the development of a multi-agency ‘exploitation’ data set.

4.3 The meetings have now been moved to a quarterly basis to enhance the data collation and sharing as well as allow for sufficient time for actions to be addressed

**5. Statutory Reviews**

**Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews**

5.1There have been no cases recently for consideration of a review. Multi-agency briefing sessions around the CSPR process continue to be delivered to increase the awareness raising of this process. Partners are reminded that any organisation can submit a case for consideration.

[Referral for Child Safeguarding Practice Review](https://www.proceduresonline.com/nesubregion/p_ch_sg_prac_rev.html)

**Safeguarding Adults Reviews**

5.2 There continues to be multi-agency briefing sessions available to support all partners in understanding the statutory process and to encourage submission of cases for consideration. Dates and times can be found in the Multiagency Safeguarding training programme.

5.3 Members are encouraged to remind their workforce of the process and ensure that any SAR referral is made on the updated form

<https://www.southtynesidesafeguardingappp.co.uk/safeguarding-adult-reviews/>

5.4 There is currently one Safeguarding Adult Review in progress and is based on a self-neglect case. An Independent Author has been appointed to consider the findings of the preliminary work undertaken by agencies. It is anticipated that the final report will be complete by September. In addition there are another two cases to progress and an additional four to consider.

**6. National Issues with an Impact on Local Multi-Agency Arrangements**

**National Panel review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson**

6.1 Report / Presentation

 

**Adults Assurance Framework**

6.2 The link below is toan overview of the Health and Care Bill in terms of Adult Social Care provision. The framework needs to go through further legislation and has not yet been published. Adult Social Care provision will be subject to inspection from 2023.Significant amounts of work at both a reginal and local level are currently in progress in preparation for this.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-care-bill-factsheets/health-and-care-bill-adult-social-care-assurance-and-support>

**National conversation around vulnerable adults - dependent drinkers/ substance misuse/ homeless**

6.3 Via the SAB National network South Tyneside led the national conversation around vulnerable adults - dependent drinkers/ substance misuse/ homeless. The conversation was designed to understand and learn from others as to how local authorities and safeguarding partners support these people. The following analysis of the session has been shared with the SiPT development working group.

* The issue is Public Health driven
* Majority of areas have dedicated teams / staff that focused and worked intensively with these adults.
* A lot of awareness raising undertaken to help support front line practitioners with a sound knowledge base of the issues and where to sign post
* Multi-agency commitment to improve the processes and responsibilities. Includes legal representation
* Vulnerable Adult Risk Management, (VARM) Champions in each multi-agency organisation

**Independent Review of Children’s Social Care**

6.4 The links below are to the final report of the Independent Review of Children’s’ Social Care and actions set out by the government to improve children’s social care. The report aims to set out how there will be areset to children’s social care. The reports suggests that there is a need for a system that provides intensive help to families in crisis, acts decisively in response to abuse, unlocks the potential of wider family networks to raise children, puts lifelong loving relationships at the heart of the care system and lays the foundations for a good life for those who have been in care.

6.5 On Monday 23 May 2022 the independent review of children’s social care published its final report ‘[The independent review of children’s social care: final report](https://childrenssocialcare.independent-review.uk/final-report/)’.

6.6 On the day of the final report’s publication, the [government set out the actions it is taking to improve children’s social care](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/minister-quince-oral-statement-on-childrens-social-care-review) and its plans to publish an implementation strategy on children’s social care before the end of 2022

6.7 Full rollout of the recommendations from the Review of Childrens Social Care is 2024.

**7. Resources**

7.1 **Peer on Peer Abuse / Sexual Violence and Aggression – 7 short films**

The Partnership has been working in collaboration with Northumbria Police and Sunderland University to produce a suite of 7 short films around Peer-on-Peer Abuse. The films will be a useful resource for schools and other professionals and cover every aspect of Peer-on-Peer abuse, including use of language, consent, female perpetrators, and transgender issues etc. The films generate an awareness of the issue and what appropriate actions can be taken. To date the winning film is to be shown at the Designated Safeguarding Leads Forum in September and at the Safeguarding Children and Adults Partnership at the Development Session in October. The films will then be shared across the Partnership.

7.2 **Watchsted** – a useful tool to analyse Ofsted reports <https://www.watchsted.com>

7.3 **Adult and Children’s safeguarding** [www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/](http://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/)