

Safeguarding Activity Report Quarter 1

Item 11f

Governing Body meeting

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Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting	
Noting	
Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?	
No	
Audit Requirement	
<p><u>CCG Objectives</u></p> <p><i>Which of the CCG's objectives does this paper support?</i></p> <p>2. To improve the quality and equality of healthcare in Sheffield</p> <p>Principal Risk: 2.1 Providers delivering poor quality care and not meeting quality targets (Domain 4)</p>	
<u>Equality impact assessment</u>	
<p><i>Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?</i> No</p> <p><i>If not, why not?</i> The report has no impact on any of the 9 protected characteristics.</p>	
<u>PPE Activity</u>	
<p><i>How does your paper support involving patients, carers and the public?</i></p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
Recommendations	
The Governing Body is asked to endorse the above report and note the progress made against action plans.	

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1. Introduction

This paper provides an updated position on the current safeguarding activity within SCCG which is monitored via the SCCG's Commissioning Safeguarding Children's Group (CSCG) & Commissioning Safeguarding Adults Group (CSAG). These groups have the remit to monitor all aspects of safeguarding children and adult's activity, and on-going activity against the organisations Serious Case Review (SCR) action plans.

Joint Safeguarding Adults and Children activity

2. NHS England (NHS E) Area Team Safeguarding Forum

Activity being undertaken includes:

2.1 Mapping the roles and responsibilities of Designated professionals and nurses within CCGs, including those for Looked After Children

The results of this exercise have been presented to the NHS England (NHS E) national safeguarding steering group. The local NHS E area team are now developing an action plan around the recommendations which focus on:

- Supervision for Designated Nurses and professionals
- Strengthening their leadership and influence across the commissioning spectrum
- Clarity around the role of Designated Professionals for Safeguarding Adults following the enactment of the Care Act 2014
- Clarity around the role of Designated Nurses and Professionals in clinical senates
- Further consideration and discussion as to where Designated Nurses and Professionals are 'hosted' within the health community to ensure they are utilised as a resource for the whole health community and both commissioners and providers

2.2 Level 4 Safeguarding Children Training

The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Designated Nurses are now hosting a National Conference for Named and Designated Professionals (Level 4 & 5) on 18th September. The title of the event is Exploring Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.

2.3 CQC Safeguarding and Looked after Children Reviews

The Designated Nurses are continuing to work together and with Provider Trusts in preparation for the CQC Safeguarding and Looked after Children Reviews.

2.4 Safeguarding and Serious Incidents

The Designated Professionals for Adults are looking at the interface between the safeguarding and serious incident processes to ensure cases are managed in an appropriate way. This work is now focusing on serious incidents arising from pressure ulcers.

2.5 Missing Children and Vulnerable Adults

Work is being undertaken to develop a processes for when and how alerts are circulated, this is now being led by Moya Sutton Head of Safeguarding in NHS England.

2.6 Template Safeguarding Policy for Primary Care

A template policy has been developed and circulated to all Sheffield practices via the practices safeguarding adults and children lead GPs. The policy can be adopted by practices if they wish. The areas covered are: safeguarding adults, safeguarding children, Mental Capacity Act (MCA), Domestic Abuse and Prevent.

3. Training for Governing Body Members and CCG staff

The Safeguarding Adults and Children's team are developing training for Governing Body members and portfolio leads on their safeguarding responsibilities as commissioners.

4. SCCG Safeguarding Policy

The CCGs safeguarding policy is being updated for ratification in August 2014.

5. GP training strategy

This is currently being updated to reflect the new RCPCH Intercollegiate document: Roles and Responsibilities for Health care staff 2014

Safeguarding Adults

6. Summary of Sheffield Adults Cases

SCCG has had involvement either as a corporate body or previous contractor of General Practice and action plans remain on-going in 2 open cases. All cases are being closely monitored and the CCG has received regular assurance from providers through 1:1 meetings and attendance at Trust safeguarding meetings that their action plan status and progress of implementation of recommendations is on target.

7. SCCG Safeguarding Adults Strategy

This has been approved. A copy can be found at:
<http://www.intranet.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk/safeguarding-adults.htm>

8. GPs and Safeguarding Adults

8.1 Learning from Cases

Practices' lead GPs for safeguarding adults have been written to with summaries and recommendations following recent significant cases.

8.2 Training Needs Analysis

An audit was undertaken with practices to examine existing levels of knowledge, awareness of services, identify learning needs and understand preferred methods of learning.

Results showed that self-rated confidence levels around domestic abuse and safeguarding adults were high, but this was not borne out by the scenarios given for assessing knowledge. As such further work is to be undertaken with practitioners to support them to develop their knowledge. One method will be via the next Protected Learning Initiative (PLI):

8.3 PLI

The next safeguarding adults PLI is planned for Wednesday 26 November 2014. The event will focus on those individuals who have some vulnerabilities but do not 'fit' to be supported by the safeguarding procedures.

8.4 GPs engagement in the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process

MARAC conferences are where professionals come together to develop strategies to support people experiencing or at very high risk of domestic abuse.

We have developed a process that enables GPs to better contribute to the MARAC process. Information is now electronically requested from practices and presented on the GPs behalf by the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service workers (IDVAS). Feedback is then provided to the GPs on the plan developed to support the person, including actions required to be undertaken by the GP.

9. Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

9.1 DoLS Supreme Court Judgement (P v Cheshire West; P & Q v Surrey County Council [2014])

A judgement was handed down by the Supreme Court on 19 March 2014 to assist in ensuring that organisations continue to comply with the law following the revised test about the meaning of deprivation of liberty. The judgement ruled that there is a deprivation of liberty if the person is under continuous supervision and control and is not free to leave and the person lacks capacity to consent to these arrangements.

Additionally, a deprivation of liberty can occur in domestic settings where the state is responsible for imposing such arrangements which will include supported living arrangements, which can only be authorised by the Court of Protection. In light of the judgement, it is these settings that are of particular relevance for SCCG in respect of its Continuing Health Care (CHC) commissioning responsibilities.

A directions hearing took place on 5 and 6 June 2014 to consider the types of cases that would need to be taken to the Court of Protection following the revised test. The consequences of this decision will lead to a large number of individuals who were previously not thought to have been deprived of liberty now having the status of being deprived of liberty but with no lawful authority for that deprivation and a consequent breach of their Article 5 Rights.

SCCG is assured by its providers that they are all currently scoping their patient populations to determine how many are potentially currently being unlawfully deprived of their liberty, to ensure steps are taken to make this deprivation lawful.

SCCG itself is reviewing all its CHC funded patients to identifying cases where an application to the Court of Protection will need to be made.

9.2 Mental Capacity Act (MCA) House of Lords Select Committee – Government Response

The 39 recommendations made by the House of Lords Select Committee have been considered by the Government and has set out a system-wide programme of work that it believes will realise a real improvement in implementation of the MCA.

The case for establishing a new independently chaired MCA Advisory Board is to be considered. The rationale for this is that a national board with an independent chair could advocate for and raise awareness of the MCA, gather views on priority MCA issues and opportunities and advise the Government on key priorities for action. The Government will hold implementing partners to account, ensuring they deliver against their commitments and responsibilities.

The Department of Health will commission a review to ensure everyone who has responsibilities within the MCA, complies with these and in 2015, the Government will host a national event to both raise awareness of the Act and to hear the views of professionals and the public as to how the programme of work can be further developed.

The Government together with Health Education England and the Royal College of General Practitioners have identified immediate actions to address training for professionals. Additionally NHS England and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) have committed to lead on work examining the important role that commissioning has to play in encouraging a culture in keeping with the principles of the MCA. The CQC has also prioritised the MCA in the fundamental revision of its regulation and inspection model.

ADASS are to lead a task group to consider the implications of the recent Supreme Court judgment on deprivation of liberty.

The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) is undertaking work to increase awareness and understanding of Lasting Powers of Attorneys (LPAs) – working with NHS England to provide guidance for front-line staff and with the CQC to ensure questions on LPAs feature in inspections of health and social care providers.

Safeguarding Children

10. Summary of Sheffield Children's Cases

SCCG has had involvement either as a corporate body or previous contractor of General Practice and action plans are on-going or are pending in 7 open cases, 2 of which were following requests for contributions to reviews that are taking place out of area. All cases are being closely monitored and the CCG has received regular assurance from providers through 1:1 meetings, supervision and attendance at Trust safeguarding meetings that their action plan status and progress of implementation of recommendations is on target. One new case has been agreed since the last report.

11. Provider Assurance

The new joint children and adults minimum standards assurance tool has been finalised and is now under discussion with senior staff in the provider trusts with an aim for completion during 2014-15

12. GPs and Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding Children Lead GP Training was held on 19th June and a new assurance tool was introduced to support practices in providing evidence for CQC.

Domestic Homicide Reviews

13. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)

SCCG has had involvement either as a corporate body or previous contractor of General Practice and action plans remain on-going or are pending in 8 open cases. All cases are being closely monitored and the CCG has received regular assurance from providers through 1:1 meetings and attendance at Trust safeguarding meetings that their action plan status and progress of implementation of recommendations is on target.

Action plans from all DHRs are also monitored by the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership.

Prevent

14. Training

A training event was held for practice managers on Prevent, for them to then share the learning within their practices and support staff to better understand their Prevent responsibilities that are detailed within the contracts held with practices.

15. Recommendations

The Governing Body is asked to endorse the above report and note the progress made against action plans.

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