Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board

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Kent and Medway Safeguarding
Adults Board

• Following a full governance review in 2012, the Board agreed to implement a Kent and Medway model. Key features of this include:
  - It covers Kent and Medway
  - Has representation from various multi-agency partners including Health, Police, Probation, Fire & Rescue, Ambulance Service and Providers
  - It includes three working groups; Quality Assurance, Learning & Development and Policies, Protocols and Guidance, chaired by Board members
  - It incorporates DoLS/ MCA
Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board

- The Board provides a multi-agency framework for safeguarding in Kent
- KCC has strong links with partner agencies through the multi-agency Board
- In particular, we have good joint working with the Police, ranging from Community Safety to Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews
- CQC are not members of the Board but do contribute to individual discussions
- Board scrutinise KCC and other agencies in relation to adult safeguarding activity and initiatives
- Produces an Annual Report and developing a Strategic Plan
Quality Assurance Working Group

- Responsible for co-ordinating quality assurance across partner agencies
- Group has oversight of all multi-agency and single agency audits and analysis of performance data about safeguarding adults from relevant agencies in Kent and Medway
- Developing a performance dashboard across partner agencies
- Developing a Quality Assurance Strategy in line with the Care Act 2014 and incorporating the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal
- Quality in Care Framework
- Review self assessments submitted by partner agencies of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board
Learning & Development Working Group

• Responsible for ensuring workforce development
• Commission multi-agency training
• Levels 1 and 2 training for staff in the private and voluntary sector is available through KCC
• The Board provides multi-agency training, Levels 3-6 to partner agencies and providers in Kent and Medway
• Multi-agency training is currently being reviewed to ensure it is fit for purpose and Care Act compliant
Policy, Protocols & Guidance Working Group

• Responsible for reviewing the multi-agency Policy, Protocols and Guidance and associated documents in line with changes in legislation, guidance and regulation
• Take into account lessons learnt, e.g. Safeguarding Adult Reviews, research, audit, practice, performance monitoring and user experience
• Implement any new policy, protocols or guidance in response to any Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR), lessons learnt and audits conducted
• Develop and implement new policy, protocols or guidance
Safeguarding Adults Reviews

• Statutory duty to arrange a Safeguarding Adults Review when an adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult
• Promote effective learning and improvement action to prevent future deaths or serious harm occurring again
• May be used to explore examples of good practice to identify lessons that can be applied to future cases
• Develop and monitor action plans following Safeguarding Adults Reviews
• Policy available online http://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/information-for-professionals/adult-protection/safeguarding-adult-reviews
Information for partner agencies and the public

- Information must be accessible to all and is available online and in hard copy
- Leaflets and posters are produced for partner agencies and members of the public, in a variety of formats
- Agendas, papers and minutes of meetings will be posted online in the future
- Annual Report
- Training can be applied for online
Current Framework For Adult Safeguarding

• Care Act 2014

• Making Safeguarding Personal

• Mental Capacity Act 2005
Care Act 2014: Key Safeguarding Sections

• **Section 42** - Enquiry by local authority
• **Section 43** - The function of the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)
• **Section 44** - The management of Safeguarding Adult Review (Serious Case Reviews)
• **Section 45** - Supply of Information
Care Act 2014

Safeguarding duties apply to an adult who:

• has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and:

• is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and

• As a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.
Care Act: Aims of Adult Safeguarding

- Stop abuse & neglect wherever possible
- Prevent harm and reduce risk
- Safeguarding to support choice and control
- Focus on improving life
- Raise awareness
- Provide information and support
Care Act: Key Principles of Adult Safeguarding

• Empowerment
• Prevention
• Proportionality
• Protection
• Partnership
• Accountability
• In addition Making Safeguarding Personal (14.14)
Care Act:
Different ways in which people can be abused

- Physical Abuse
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Psychological Abuse
- Financial / Material Abuse
- Modern Slavery
- Discriminatory Abuse
- Organisational Abuse
- Neglect
- Self Neglect
Care Act
Safeguarding Adults Boards

- Statutory basis for Safeguarding Adults Boards
- 3 core duties:
  1. Publish a Strategic Plan
  2. Publish an Annual Report
  3. Conduct any Safeguarding Adults Review in accordance with Section 44 of the Act
- Information about the Board must be easily accessible to partner and the general public
- Review of Board membership
- Develop clear policies and processes that have been agreed with partner agencies
Making Safeguarding Personal

• Incorporated in the Care Act
• Launch events took place in Kent and Medway in November 2014
• Implemented in Kent and Medway from January 2015
• Person-led, outcome focused approach
• Enhanced social work practice to ensure that vulnerable adults have an opportunity to discuss the outcomes they want at the start of safeguarding activity
• Follow-up discussions with vulnerable adults at the end of safeguarding activity to see to what extent their desired outcomes have been met
Core principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005

• A person must be assumed to have capacity unless it is established that they lack capacity
• A person is not to be treated as unable to make a decision unless all practicable steps to help him to do so have been taken
• A person is not to be treated as unable to make a decision merely because he makes an unwise decision
• An act done or decision made, under this Act for or on behalf of a person who lacks capacity must be done, or made, in his best interests
• Least restrictive intervention to achieve goal
Adult Safeguarding Activity

![Graph showing the increase in number of referrals from 1998 to 2014. The number of referrals has increased significantly over the years.](image-url)
A snapshot of adult safeguarding in Kent 2013-2014

• In Kent (KCC Area) there were 3,176 safeguarding referrals during 2013-2014, of which:

  – 61% of people with a safeguarding referral were over 65 (of which 61% were female)

  – 45% of 18-64 year old clients with a safeguarding referral had a client category of Learning Disability

  – Over 90% of those people subject to a safeguarding referral were known to Social Services

  – The Location of Abuse for 41.5% of all referrals was in a residential or nursing home. This is higher than the national average of 36%
DoLS Activity

- Supreme Court Judgement in March 2014 has had huge implications
- Kent and Medway have separate DoLS offices
- Safeguarding Adults Board has an interest in issues across Kent and Medway and how activity is managed
- DoLS activity continues to significantly increase
- To date, there have been 1758 applications since 1 April 2014
- Of these there are 934 in Triage (non priority)
- 538 Authorisations have been granted since 1 April 2014
Thank you for listening

Any questions?


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