



Blackburn with Darwen Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB)

Key Messages - Thursday 12 September

Domestic Abuse Update

The Board received an update from the Community Safety Partnership regarding the local domestic abuse strategy and operating arrangements. This included an analysis of the incidence of domestic abuse within Blackburn with Darwen, local risk factors and outcome information.

The presentation covered the approach to domestic abuse in Blackburn with Darwen, including the following:

1. Three tiered response;
2. Refuge and Housing Support;
3. Education and Communication;
4. Perpetrator Programme, the consistent the approach to identification and the Sanctuary Scheme

The Board acknowledged the progress, innovative local developments and strong performance and will be receiving regular updates.

ADASS / LGA Guidance – Making effective use of data and information

The Board discussed a recent paper commissioned by the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS). The document provides practical advice to the Board regarding appropriate use of data, information and intelligence to improve safety and quality in adult safeguarding.

The Board agreed that the Quality Assurance Committee would consider the guidance which will be particularly useful in informing the LSAB dataset.

Sector Updates

Key partners of the board provided updates from their agencies, highlighting changes and challenges to the local safeguarding arrangements:

- **Voluntary, Community & Faith (VCF) Sector** – the sector are due to launch VCF voice. This initiative aims to capture feedback from local people and provide a vehicle for engagement.
- **Health** – colleagues provided a brief summary of the findings from the Keogh investigation of the local hospital trust. A further risk summit is to be held at the end of September focussing on the progress the hospital trust has made in implementing the recommendations from the investigation and seeking assurance that the hospital is providing the best possible services for patients.

An update was provided by Blackburn with Darwen CCG, outlining local developments and representation at the Board.

- **Probation Trust** – the proposed role and functions of the public and private sections of the new probation arrangements were presented to the board including the likely new management structures nationally, regionally and locally.
- **Adult Social Care** – the department is progressing with the action plan from the recent adult safeguarding review and is working with the University of Central Lancashire to deliver risk training.
- **Children's Social Care** – the department is continuing to deliver the efficiencies as part of the budget reductions agreed for the 2013-15 period. The service is being redesigned and a draft of the department's new service structure will be presented to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board in December.

Safeguarding Theme – Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

The board was presented with an update on the development of the Blackburn with Darwen MASH. The presentation covered the following areas:

- Reasons for developing a MASH;
- Implementation and achievements;
- Challenges in relation to refining processes and identifying trends/themes;
- Future developments of the MASH and opportunities in the commissioning of services.

Overall, the MASH developments were viewed very positively and the Board agreed to receive regular updates.

Documents discussed and/or agreed by the Board include:

- LSAB Annual Report (2012 -13)
- Safeguarding Committee Updates