SAFEGUARDING MATTERS

Quarter 1, July 2016

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly safeguarding newsletter, Safeguarding Matters. Those that have attended Safeguarding Forums will know that the Safeguarding Children Board (SCB) and Safeguarding Adult Partnership (SAP) aim to raise their visibility and better communicate and engage with staff about what they are doing and what impact this is having. Safeguarding Matters is part of this initiative.

This first edition focuses on our new Business Plans. At our Safeguarding Forum in February 2016 delegates were able to contribute to the identification of our key priorities and areas for development for improvement. I hope you will see that we listened to these views and have incorporated your views and opinions into our Plans.

We want this newsletter to be responsive to your information and communication needs in relation to safeguarding. If there are matters you want us to feature – or indeed if there is something you want to contribute – do not hesitate to let us know by contacting Gary McManus – gary.mcmanus@gov.im

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BUSINESS PLANS 2016/17

At our Forum in February 88% of delegates agreed we should keep the strategic priorities that we had established in consultation with you in 2015/16. Our strategic priorities for 2016/17 therefore remain as follows:

PRIORITY 1	Ensure safeguarding is everyone's business.
PRIORITY 2	Ensure we have robust safeguarding policies, procedures, protocols and practices which keep children safe.
PRIORITY 3	Be assured that there are robust arrangements to address areas of safeguarding risk to children, young people and adults on the Isle of Man.
PRIORITY 4	Ensure we have a workforce 'fit for purpose' in delivering effective safeguarding
PRIORITY 5	Ensure the voices of service users and staff are heard in planning, delivering and evaluating safeguarding provision.

Safeguarding Adults Partnership: Business Plan 2016 - 2017

Our Aim

Protecting the Vulnerable

Our Plan

- Safeguarding is everyone's business
- Safeguarding Policies, protocols, and practices in place across the partnership
- Robust and Effective Arrangements in Place to Address areas of safeguarding risk
- A Workforce 'fit for purpose'
- Voices of service users, staff, are heard in planning, delivering and evaluating provision

Our Partners and Strategic Links

- Voluntary and Third Sector Organisations
- Department of Health and Social Care
- Department of Education and Children
- Department of Home Affairs
- Isle of Man Constabulary
- Department of Infrastructure
- Children Services Partnership
- Safer Communities Partnership

Priority Themes

- Agenda for Change
- Adults Services Re- balancing
- Re-ablement
- Mental Health
- Neglect and Self Neglect
- Residential Care, Nursing Homes and Dom. Care
- Domestic Abuse
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Growing elderly population
- Mental Capacity and Deprivation of liberties
- Financial Abuse
- Transition across services
- Learning Disability and autism

- Empowerment
- Prevention
- Proportionality
- Protection
- Partnership
- Accountability

Outcome

Adults are Safe

Safeguarding Children Board: Business Plan 2015 - 2016

Our Aim

Protecting the Vulnerable: Children grow up free from harm and abuse

Our Plan

- Safeguarding is everyone's business
- Safeguarding Policies, protocols, and practices have a real impact on the safeguarding of children
- Robust and Effective Arrangements in Place to Assess, Prioritise, Manage and Address risk
- A Workforce that is equipped and 'fit for purpose'
- Voices of service users, staff, and providers are heard in planning, delivering and evaluating provision

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- Safeguarding Adults Partnership
- Safer Communities Partnership
- Agenda for Change
- Strategy for Children and Young People
- Policy for Children

Priority Themes

- Neglect
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Drug, Alcohol and Substance misuse
- Looked After Children and Care leavers
- Domestic abuse
- Children with Disabilities
- Transition to Adulthood
- Children missing from home and
- Bullying and E safety

Outcome

'Every child will have the best possible opportunities in life'

Things to look out for in the next few months

CSE Strategy and Toolkit

The Safeguarding Children Board approved the island's first Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Strategy and toolkit in May 2016. The Strategy entitled ***'it couldn't happen here, could it?'*** provides practitioners and managers a useful practice guide and aims to develop understanding and responses when they suspect a child or young person may be at risk of sexual exploitation. '*It couldn't happen here, could it?* provides background information on the issue of CSE, a practitioner's step by step guide including a CSE risk assessment tool, a high level action plan which tackles the key strategic themes (the '7 P's' – ***Prevention, Protection, Pursuing and Prosecution, Partnership, Public Professional Confidence, Pathways, Performance monitoring),*** and a Multi-Agency Planning and Improvement tool kit (The CSE – MAPIT) which will support future developments across each of the '7 P's' at both partnership and single agency level.

The documents are available on the Isle of Man SCB website. www.iomscb.co.uk

New focus on Community Safeguarding Capacity and Resilience

As part of the continuous improvement of the safeguarding governance structures and processes, a significant development which supports the integration of the children's and adult's safeguarding agendas relates to the creation of the 'Community Safeguarding Capacity and Resilience Group (CSCRG). The group will have representatives from across all sectors including; public, private, third and Faith Communities that provide services to children, young people and adults. The main function of the group is to deliver the relevant aims and objectives and actions in the Business plans including, the community facing elements of the Communication and Engagement strategy, raising the profile of the SCB and SAP in the community at large, develop and implement community facing campaigns, engagement and communication in relation to safeguarding; and building safeguarding capacity and effectiveness across community based organisations to secure compliance with agreed standards and expectations. Further consideration will now be given to the role and function of a Community Safety Partnership which will focus on specific safeguarding themes / issues for example Domestic Abuse, Youth Offending, and CSE.

Domestic Abuse training

Information to follow……..

Launch of new Hoarding Panel

Hoarding panel and guidance are in development. The first meeting of the panel will be taking place on the 16th June. At this initial meeting we intend to agree future membership, aims and objectives and terms of reference for the group. It is hoped by taking a multidisciplinary approach to dealing with issues in which hoarding has become a problem that we can ensure an appropriate, consistent response from a variety of relevant organisations.

Wood Report (UK)

The publication reviewing the role and functions of Local Safeguarding Children Boards in England was recently published. The Wood report (Mr Alan Wood, author) sets out a new framework for improving the organisation and delivery of multi agency arrangements to protect and safeguard children. It contains a number of recommendations for the UK government to consider and includes steps to recast the statutory framework that underpins the (UK) model of Local Safeguarding Boards (LSCB's), Serious Case Reviews (SCR's) and Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPs). Whilst the Isle of Man practices differ slightly to those in England there are some areas within the report which may prove useful for our own improvement journey and further discussions are required to look at the impact in a local context. The report is currently being considered by LSCB's and the UK Government in relation to the recommendations and responses.

Combined Children Services Glossary of Terms

As part of the 'Towards a common language / understanding' strategy being developed for the Safeguarding Board, a glossary of key terms has been published on the Isle of Man SCB website. The document lists key terms and acronyms which are used currently across the children's services arena in an attempt to bring clarity on the many different terms which are used across agencies and professional groups. As you will know all too well, sometimes the same word means very different things to different people. Think of it as a 'jargon buster' which we will regularly update on the website. Should you want to contribute please contact Gary McManus.