

Learning from Safeguarding Adults Audit 2019

The Section 11 and Safeguarding Adult Audit process evidenced that the majority of organisations in Calderdale described effective safeguarding practice for children and adults.

There were many examples of good practice, and some areas identified for improvement. This crib sheet provides assistance to organisations to improve safeguarding practice further. It includes resources, policies, procedures and training opportunities related to the identified topics.

This crib sheet is split into three areas: The first section is applicable to both adults and children's safeguarding; the second is for solely adult services and the third is for child services only.

Section 1: Safeguarding Children and Adults

Transition

Some evidence was provided about transition between services, but little evidence was given about evidence of safeguarding transition between children and adults services. Some feedback showed that information sharing is key for more effective transitions. A good example is the Joint National Protocol for the Youth Offending Team and the National Probation Service.

- [Joint National Protocol for Transitions](#) in England
- [Information sharing guidance](#) for practitioners

The CSAB and CSCP will be undertaking a Holistic Report on Transitions at the end of 2020 to identify good practice, gaps and areas for development.

Mental Capacity Act 2005 for Adults and 16-17 year olds

Awareness needs to be raised about the MCA 2005 and its applicability to 16- and 17-year olds. In addition, there is national and regional work underway to make this clearer.

- Mental Capacity Act [Easy Read Summary](#)
- [Consent to treatment](#) for children and young people
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards [Easy Read](#)

The following areas were also highlighted as areas for improvement for a number of organisations:

Safer Recruitment and Supervision

- For further information and help about safer recruitment and supervision see the [website](#)
- For recruitment, selection and supervision of staff in children's services see the [procedures](#)

Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Serious Case Reviews

- Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews can be found on this [webpage](#):
- Learning from Serious Case Reviews and Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews can be found on this [webpage](#)

Escalation to other services

- [Resolving Professional Disputes and Escalation Procedure for Adults](#)
- [Resolving Professional Disputes and Escalation Procedure for Children](#)

Section 2: Safeguarding Adults

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

The majority of organisations are able to evidence good practice around making safeguarding personal, however the language 'making safeguarding personal' (MSP) was not always apparent. Other terms such as 'outcome focussed' and 'person centred approach' were also used. Resources to help you and your organisation embed MSP further are here:

- [Making Safeguarding Personal Outcomes Framework 2018](#)
- [MSP Toolkit](#)
- [MSP and Health and Social Care](#)
- [MSP and Housing](#)
- [MSP and Police](#)
- [Government Guide on MSP and what it means](#)

Policies and Procedures:

- [Summary of Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Full Policies and Procedures](#)

Section 42 Understanding

The implementation of the S42 criteria has been under much scrutiny from a national level in 2019: there are differences in the way that Local Authorities implement the criteria when concerns are received. A significant amount of work has been underway in the Yorkshire and Humber region to enable a shared regional understanding of Section 42 criteria.

- [A framework for making decisions on the duty to carry out safeguarding adults enquiries](#)

Homelessness

Homelessness features in the current CSAB Business Plan 2020 – 2023, after a thematic review on people who lived street based lives: 'Burnt Bridges' was conducted in 2019.

Only a Housing Service provided evidence of how they safeguard homeless people; more organisations need to be aware of, and know how to support adults who are experiencing homelessness or people who live street-based lives. The SAB will be looking on more detail at the findings from this review and how the multi-agency partnership can support adults at risk.

- [Making Every Adult Matter website](#)
- [CSAB Self Neglect Policy and Toolkit](#)

Specific areas of vulnerability for Adults

We received some good evidence about the work being done in Calderdale in specific areas including: Missing Persons, Learning Disabilities / Difficulties, Memory and Cognitive Deficits, Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Self-Neglect. However, evidence showed that improved partnership working was needed to expand the knowledge about the voice of the adults who have the vulnerabilities.

- [Herbert Protocol Form](#) preparing for if people go missing
- [Healthy Minds Safespace Leaflet](#)
- [CSAB Self Neglect Policy and Toolkit](#)

Part 3: Safeguarding Children

Online Safety

Some partners identified that there was a gap in their Online Safety knowledge and intervention. Some organisations have policies in place around Online Safety, but not all. A good example was provided from an education setting about a web based product which monitors traffic (for staff and students) and identifies key words that may indicate that safeguarding support is needed (based on nationally provided guidance).

- [Teaching Online Safety In School](#) government guidance was updated in June 2019.
- [NSPCC Online Safety Training](#)
- Web based [fastvue Sophos Reporter](#)
- [The Early Action website](#) (Online safety packages).

The CSCP has prioritised online safety and will be taking a closer look at how children are safeguarded online through Holistic Reporting.

Child Exploitation and Harmful Sexual Behaviour

There is a large amount of evidence about good practice and partnership working for Child Exploitation but there are constant changes to practice and guidance which services and practitioners need to keep up to date with. The move from Child Sexual Exploitation to include wider forms of abuse including gangs, knife crime, cross border activity and drug related crime are areas for development for some organisations to ensure these are included within their policies and procedures.

- [Child Exploitation Procedures](#) (updated August 2020)
- Harmful Sexual Behaviours: AIM model of assessment can be found on the [West Yorkshire Procedures website](#)
- [Calderdale Harmful Sexual Behaviour Tool](#)
- Stop It Now Child Exploitation resources <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/resources/>
- Child Exploitation information including the CE Flowchart (which contains the referral form) and the West Yorkshire Police Intelligence Partnership Portal can be found on the [CSCP/CSAB website](#)

The first CSCP Holistic Report will be on Child Exploitation and is due for presentation in Autumn 2020

Mental Health

Some evidence was given about the support given to children and families due to the mental health issues of parents, which was an issue recently identified in a Calderdale Serious Case Review. Child mental health is an area where lots of changes are being made to local and national organisations which agencies need to keep abreast of.

- Information about the impact of parental mental health on children can be found on the [CSCP/CSAB website](#)
- [Information and advice for young people](#)