

**Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board**

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| **Summary Minutes**  Meeting held on **Wednesday 10th July 2024,** 1-3.30pm, via Teams  Please note these are not full minutes. They are intended to provide an overview of discussions and decisions. Due to the confidential nature of some of the items discussed, it is not possible to publically share full minutes. |

The Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) is the multi-agency partnership responsible for ensuring that adults at risk in Newcastle are safeguarded and protected.

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| **DWP and Safeguarding Adults**  The DWP’s Advanced Customer Support Senior Leader (ACSSL) is a new member of the NSAB. They provided an overview of their role in supporting their vulnerable customers and role/relationship with Safeguarding Adult Boards and Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs). A Joint Working Protocol between the DWP and SABs has been agreed via the National SAB Chairs Network. This was developed following [two SARs in Nottingham City (Billy and Valentina)](https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/health-and-social-care/adult-social-care/adult-safeguarding/safeguarding-adults-reviews/). The Work and Pensions Committee has an [ongoing inquiry into safeguarding vulnerable claimants](https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7866/safeguarding-vulnerable-claimants/). The findings were due to be published imminently however this has been delayed due to the incoming new government. The NSAB will receive an update on this once the findings are available. |
| **Safeguarding Adult Collection (SAC) Return 2023-24**  The NSAB received a presentation on the SAC return for Newcastle for the previous year. 20,828 safeguarding adults referrals were received by the Local Authority; 10,969 of these met the safeguarding adults concern criteria and 9,620 met the S42 enquiry criteria. The most common location of abuse remains a person’s own home and the most common type of abuse was neglect (accounting for 23% of all S42 enquiries), followed by self-neglect (19% of all S42 enquiries). In 88.2% of S42 enquiries, risk is either removed or reduced. There were positive improvements in performance on key Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) indicators: In 79.3% of S42 enquiries the adult at risk/or their representative were asked their desired outcomes. In 79.2% of S42 enquiries involving an adult lacking mental capacity, they were supported by an advocate, family member or friend. Both measures represent improvements on previous year’s positions. Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) data was presented, as was partner data from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and Northumbria Police. |
| **Embedding learning from SARs**  The NSAB’s Improving Practice Committee are assisting the SAR Committee with evaluating how far learning from SARs is being embedded in current practice. A multi-agency audit schedule has been established for the year, with the first one being focused on domestic abuse, taking place next week. The Committee are also having case presentations at each meeting linked to recurring themes from SARs. At their last meeting there was a presentation on self-neglect from the Integrated Care Board (ICB). |
| **Missing Protocols Update**  The Herbert Protocol (for adults with dementia) is moving to an online platform from the end of July and a new protocol for armed forces veterans (Forcer protocol) is being introduced. |
| **Safeguarding adults who are homeless or who rough sleep**  The NSAB were made aware of a letter from the Department of Levelling Up, Communities and Housing about recommendations for SABs regarding individuals rough sleeping. Local benchmarking is taking place and will be reported at the NSAB meeting in September. |
| **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 11th September 2024, 1-3.30pm |

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