



Presentation of SSCB and SSAB Annual Reports to Health and Wellbeing Board

Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014-15: Overview

SSAB Annual Report 2014-15

Summarises the arrangements for safeguarding adults in Sunderland in 2014/15, and sets out:

- ▶ Role, Function, Structure and Scope of the SSAB, and their review in preparation for the Care Act (2014)
- ▶ Relationships with key partners and their contributions to the Safeguarding Adults agenda in Sunderland
- ▶ Work of the SSAB and its various Sub-Committees in 2014-15




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- ▶ Overview of Local Government Association Peer Challenge March 2014, identified that the SSAB was functioning well overall but also made recommendations for improvements, which have been implemented
- ▶ A summary of performance data 2014-15, including source and number of Referrals, Strategy Meetings, Investigations
- ▶ Learning & Improvement activity (learning lessons from SCR case)




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6 Key Objectives of the SSAB:

1. Promote the active involvement of Service Users, their carers, their families and their advocates
 2. Ensure effective leadership is in place
 3. Secure Citywide consistency in safeguarding
 4. Promote a learning culture around safeguarding
 5. Improve Performance management of the SSAB with a specific focus on safeguarding activity and outcomes
 6. Respond to Care Act (2014) requirements and developments
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SSAB: Going Forward

SSAB Positive Progress:

1. Full review undertaken of governance arrangements, including Role, Function, Structure and Scope of the SSAB, which ensured SSAB has met the relevant statutory requirements of the Care Act 2014
 2. Strengthened links with key strategic partnerships: SSCB, Health & Wellbeing Board, Safer Sunderland Partnership
 3. Successfully carried out an SCR using required process and shared Lessons Learnt
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SSAB: Going Forward

SSAB Future Challenges:

1. Understanding more about the challenges of sexual exploitation (for both children and adults) in Sunderland, and build upon current work, in order to develop a well-planned, multi-agency response including addressing transition issues
 2. Build on existing work to further raise the profile of self-neglect, domestic violence and radicalisation as forms of abuse (and which satisfy PREVENT requirements)
 3. Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews: build upon the new LIIP Framework to ensure learning is well-communicated, embedded in frontline practice, and that application of recommendations is audited
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SSCB Annual Report 2014-15

Provides an overview of the multi-agency safeguarding children arrangements in Sunderland 2014-2015, including:

- Role, function, and structure of the SSCB, including the review of the SSCB
- Reflects upon key partnerships across Sunderland and how the Board interacts and works with them
- The work of the Board and its Sub-committees and the outputs and impact this work has made
- Reflects upon the learning and improvement activity undertaken, including the work on serious case reviews
- Provides performance information on referrals, child protection plans etc

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Key highlights from the Report include:

- The outcome of the Core Assets Review of Children's Safeguarding Service (May 2014)
- The findings of the Local Government Association Peer Review (November 2014)
- Pace of change and proposed Improvements in Children's safeguarding not moving with sufficient pace and a lack of impact evidenced
- A new Chair and proposed governance arrangements to provide a sound base from which to improve accountability and ownership across the partnership
- Learning and Improvement – significant numbers of SCRs – an outlier across England

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Conclusion

- Children's safeguarding system in Sunderland lacks robustness
- A crisis of confidence about Children's Safeguarding Service from other agencies resulting in a fragmented system
- SSCB work has been significantly impacted upon by the unprecedented number of SCRs – and the subsequent limited ability to undertake and focus on core business
- Improvement work required to gain pace and start to demonstrate impact and progress going forward
- There is demonstrable commitment at the highest level across the partnership to the improvement journey

SSCB Progress

Achievements

- SSCB Challenges made to Children's Safeguarding Services led to Core Assets Review
- Completed a full review of governance arrangements, including role, function, and structure of the SSCB
- Learning and Improvement in Practice Sub-Committee progressed 8 SCRs and implemented a new model for SCRs

SSCB Going Forward

Challenges

1. Implementation of the SSCB Quality Assurance and Performance Framework to include a robust data set and performance report allowing the Board to understand its population, agency and system effectiveness and demonstrate real challenge, accountability and impact
2. Embed robust arrangements for children and young people in respect of missing, trafficking and sexual exploitation (MSET) – problem profile, hotspots, disruption, perpetrators, therapeutic services - improving outcomes
3. Demonstrate impact and improved outcomes for children and young people as a result of learning from the range of SCRs/learning reviews currently being progressed

SSCB Business Plan 2014 - 2017

3x key SSCB Priorities

Priority

Lead

Neglect

*Kerry Mehta – Interim
Head of Safeguarding,
Children’s Services*

Risk Taking
Behaviour

*Peter Storey – DCI,
Northumbria Police*

Toxic Trio

*Deanna Lagun, Head of
Safeguarding, Sunderland
Clinical Commissioning Group*