

Learning & Development Subgroup Terms of Reference

Purpose

The West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is committed to ensuring that all agencies work together to minimise abuse or neglect to vulnerable adults at risk and to safeguard effectively where abuse or neglect has, or may have, occurred.

The SAB aims to ensure that there are effective mechanisms in place, to ensure that there is a consistent approach to learning, and promotion of best practise.

Remit of the subgroup

- Seek assurance that there is adequate training and support available to the partnership in relation to discharging its safeguarding duties and responsibilities.
- Seek assurance that learning from SARs is embedded in training and that a range of methods are used to disseminate the learning to organisations and the workforce
- Ensure organisations and the workforce are kept informed on the work of the SAB, awareness around relevant information and issues is maintained and that promotional learning messages are delivered ('soft touch learning')
- Facilitating wider learning through safeguarding adults week and other learning events/materials relevant to safeguarding

Functions of the Group

The Learning & Development Subgroup is responsible for the following:

- Ensure that the Berkshire Multi-agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures (the Procedures) are used within training delivery
- Escalate issues to the Board that are related to learning about safeguarding that is identified through national and local intelligence
- Develop and review an annual action plan to support the work of Board, in conjunction with the Boards business plan
- Advise the Board on learning and development around safeguarding and contribute to the Board's business plan
- Produce a calendar of learning events for the partnership
- Promote best practice and support the Board to raise awareness of safeguarding adults through learning opportunities.
- Provide advice and guidance to support a range of learning solutions to meet identified learning needs
- Maintain good links across member agencies and with external partners to ensure learning information is shared appropriately
- Ensure by appropriate escalation that there is multi-agency representation at meetings
- Reflect and evaluate the work of the Subgroup against good practice and research.

Reporting and Governance Arrangements

The subgroup, through the Chair, will:

- Report to the SAB on a quarterly basis, including identified risks
- Review the subgroup's work plan annually
- Contribute to the SAB Annual Report
- Review the Terms of Reference and propose amendments to the SAB

Membership

Membership is also open to all members of the Board. Meetings are regularly attended by:

	Safeguarding lead	Learning/dev rep
Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board	√	
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	√	
Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	√	
Reading Borough Council	√	√
West Berkshire Council	√	√
Wokingham Borough Council	√	√
West of Berkshire SAB Business Manager	√	
Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service	√	
Thames Valley Police	√	

Due to the large area South Central Ambulance Service covers their engagement with this subgroup will be supported by the representation of the Integrated Care Board.

Voluntary Care Sector and Healthwatch engagement with this subgroup will be via the Voluntary Care Sector and Healthwatch Subgroup.

Co-ordination and support will be provided by the SAB Business Manager.

Each meeting is quorate if a minimum of 3 organisations are represented, including one local authority safeguarding lead and a representative for learning/training (can be same as LA safeguarding lead if has a training delivery role).

Roles and Responsibilities of Group Members

- To attend a minimum of 3 meetings a year.
- If a member for a particular agency/forum cannot attend, to identify a suitable replacement.
- To ensure that they promote their role and receive information about good practice and problems in inter-agency work from those they represent.
- To contribute to the annual report providing a summary of work achieved.
- Develop and regularly review an annual work plan.

Frequency of meetings

A minimum of four times per year, with additional meetings as required. Meetings will be scheduled to ensure work feeds into the SAB Subgroup Chair and SAB Board meetings in a timely manner.

Sign Off Dates

- L&D Sub Group – May 2024
- SAB - June 2024

Review Date

June 2026