

Notes

Interim Adult Protection Board NI – Wednesday 17/04/24 @ 2pm via zoom

Present:

DP, Deputy Director, SPPG
RM, Programme Head for Learning Disability & Adult Safeguarding
KM, Service Manager Advocacy and Support, PCC
AB, Assistant Director for ASG, NHSCT
BB, Director of Older People and Primary Care, SHSCT
BD, Chief Executive, RQIA
TC, Acting Director Women Children's Services/Ex Dir SW, WHSCT
TR, Interim Executive Director, Social Work, BHSC
LL, Director of Mental Health & Learning Disability, Children's Services and Prison Healthcare, RQIA
CM, Interim Director of CYPS, SHSCT
SA, Asst Director of Nursing, PHA
KO, Director Mental Health and Disability, WHSCT

Apologies:

DCI JD, PSNI
PH, Chief Executive, NISCC
MD, Director WCF/Ex Dir SW, NHSCT
HR, Director of Public Health Research & Development
ME, Lead AHP Consultant, PHA
DR, Exec Director of Nursing & Midwifery, Director of AHP & Patient Experience
SM, Assistant Director of Social Work, WHSCT
CM, Director of Adult Community and Older People Services, BHSC
PC, Director MH & LD Community Wellbeing, NHSCT
LP, Director of Children's Services, SEHSCT
CH, Social Care Lead, SPPG

In attendance

DH, Trust Adult Safeguarding Specialist, (TASS) SHSCT.

AT, minute taker.

Introductions

DP welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted.

SHSCT - LASP Chair (DH S.T- LASP workplan presentation)

DP welcomed DH to the meeting to give an update of LASP Workplan for SHSCT for 2023/24. DP thanked DH for the very positive presentation and work plan. There was a discussion with IAPB colleagues who agreed that the work plan was excellent and asked if DH would share it.

Action; DH to share the presentation with AT who will attach it to the minutes.

Minutes from the last meeting -

Minutes from the last meeting were circulated and the group agreed that they were content with the note.

Matters Arising –

All Matters arising to be discussed throughout the main Agenda items.

Update on Sub-groups

Data / Performance

Data - The subgroup has agreed an interim data set for ASG, all Trusts are working towards consistency in completing same. PMSL will provide a quarterly report of the data for the sub - group to interrogate and identify issues and trends for consideration by IAPB. The IT support is also developing a dashboard which will provide a rich and accessible set of data for ASG. It is hoped this will be in place by July 24.

Performance – The sub-group held two information events with group members to develop a framework for continuous improvement of ASG/P performance which will include developing key performance indicators (KPIs). The development sessions will be written up and shared with IAPB in Sept. This will be closely linked to the work of the policies & procedures sub-group.

Next Steps –

Review TOR and refresh workplan objectives for 2024 – 2026

Policy & Procedures (Adult Joint Protocol)

The P&P subgroup continue to finalise the Adult Joint Protocol and will share the latest version prior to the next IAPB meeting for information and further discussion. It was anticipated this would be signed off in September 24. However, NIPS needs to be included in the document. Once completed it will be shared with IAPB colleagues for final comments and a meeting will be set up to get formal sign off from the Board.

Next Steps –

Review the current workplan and set strategic priorities for 24 – 26. The primary focus will be on the revision and rewrite of the 2015/16, NIASP policy and procedures.

Training & Development

The training & Development sub-group has completed the scoping exercise and begun to develop thinking around the training framework for ASG / P. Alongside this, OSS has been developing its ideas and plans for the Adult Protection Social Work role. Consideration to be given to the possibility of merging this work.

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Serious Case Reviews

The sub-group has been developing ideas on an SCR model for NI. Research colleagues were engaged to source best practice models of SCRs, or their equivalent in other jurisdictions. There was limited information available and a limited body of research on the subject. A task and finish group met to review the information received. The outcome, was a proposal to write a SCR model for NI which would draw on the models from Scotland and English Local Authorities while taking account of cultural context and legislation in NI. The chair and co-chair will present a brief paper at the next IAPB for consideration.

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Review TOR and refresh workplan objectives for 2024 - 2026

Engagement Platform / User Involvement – Engagement Hub

Attempts to recruit family's carers and advocate to join the Engagement Hub have been unsuccessful. SPPG held a number of events to see if individuals would be interested in assisting with this work.

Next Steps –

Review the Hub model and consider redesign of approach with PCC & PPI involvement.

There was a detailed discussion in relation to addressing the preventative agenda. Previously board members had mixed views on the best way to address this. Initially it was suggested that it would underpin all of the work included in the sub groups. There is however strong opinion that it should be addressed as a specific subject with possible task and finish work to proceed.

DP suggested that this would be a substantive item to discuss and agree next steps at the following IAPB meeting.

SPPG- Developing an overarching ASG work plan.

RM advised colleagues that SPPG are receiving a number of complaints in relation to variances in the application of the regional ASG procedures. CH and TASS colleagues are addressing this through the TASS forum to ensure documentation, data recording and application of process is standardised across the region.

To support this work SPPG – ASG colleagues will draft a regional work plan that will highlight the TORs and action plans of the Transformational Board, IAPB and ASG sub-groups. This is an opportunity to stock take, recognise achievements address challenges and gaps, realign priorities and refresh action plans. There is a need to develop a clear governance structure with reporting pathways.

A draft paper will be shared for noting at the next IAPB and colleagues will be asked for comments. SPPG would propose that an event would be held to consider this work and finalise this overarching workplan.