

Annual Safeguarding Report 2018-19

Contribution to the West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

Key achievements

- Safeguarding (adults) clinical governance has continued throughout the year and the safeguarding team medical clinical lead role is a valued part of the safeguarding team. There are vacancies in both NCG and UCG to recruit during 2019.
- Safeguarding concerns continue to be raised via the Datix incident reporting system this assists in giving feedback to the individual who raised the concern where available, and means that only one reporting mechanism is used for reporting concerns.
- Learning from SAR's continues to be included in Safeguarding training.
- The Lead Nurse Adult Safeguarding continues to be part of the SAR panel.
- Safeguarding Champions conference was held in November, this was evaluated positively by participants. A very successful half day champions meeting was held in June 2019 to consolidate learning. Another conference is planned for later in 2019 focusing on Learning Disability.

Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

- Staff knowledge of the Mental Capacity Act has improved. While this is a good assessment of the status of the Trust, work is still required to embed the knowledge and skills of staff in application of the MCA.
- Training continues with MCA /DoLS sessions on staff induction and as part of the core mandatory training day alongside ad hoc sessions for specific groups of staff.
- Enhanced mental capacity training has been offered on alternate months through 2017-18, and has continued through 2018-19. Mental Capacity training also forms part of the managing 1:1 day.
- Spot check audits undertaken following the introduction of EPR have highlighted a reduction in the documentation of mental capacity assessments, by either the use of paper assessment forms or the electronic assessment.
- The number of DoLS applications was a key performance indicator report to the CCG as part of the Quality Schedule and in the integrated Board report monthly. The number of applications made last year was similar to 2017/18.
- 15 DoLS were granted this year out of the 56 referrals made; reasons for this is :the patient was discharged/ transferred to another hospital or they regained mental capacity before the DoLS assessments had been undertaken or completed by the local authority .

Adult safeguarding concerns

- All concerns raised by our staff about potential harm or abuse outside of the Trust are reviewed by the local authority and if necessary investigated through the safeguarding process.
- For externally raised safeguarding concerns a fact finding exercise is carried out by the Lead Nurse Adult Safeguarding. This information is given to the local authority for them to decide on the type of investigation and outcome of the concern. The most cases the safeguarding concerns raised against the Trust continue to be around pressure damage. In the majority of cases there continues to be a lack of information provided re pressure damage as part of the discharge process.
- Safeguarding concerns reported within or raised to the Trust related to staff members are investigated under our Managing Safeguarding Concerns and Allegations Policy.

Prevent (anti-terrorism)

- No Prevent concerns were discussed with outside agencies this year. Members of the Safeguarding team have attended the South East Prevent workshop and regularly attend West Berkshire Prevent steering group.

Domestic Abuse

- The Domestic Abuse Working Group continues with representatives from each care group. This group formed part of the consultation in reviewing the Domestic Abuse Policy. Work is on-going to embed principals of good practice throughout the Trust including raising the awareness, routine enquiry and encouraging the use Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment (DASH) forms. The Named Midwife for Child Protection regularly attends the three Local Authority Multi- Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC's). Victims identified as being High Risk by MARAC representatives, continue to be flagged on EPR for 12 months following discussion.

Key areas of work for 2019/20

- Promote the safeguarding toolkit.
- Support the multi-disciplinary safeguarding champions and care group safeguarding adult leads to embed safeguarding across the Trust.
- Extend the timeframe of the Domestic Abuse Task and Finish Group to support a review of training.
- Supporting the Safeguarding Adult Board work on safeguarding and pressure ulcer prevention and financial abuse
- Promote the importance of clear documentation of mental capacity; this can be by either use of paper or electronic documentation of Mental Capacity assessments.

- Participating in implementation of the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act May 2019, new Liberty Protection Safeguards
- Participate in a training needs analysis against the Intercollegiate Document, Adult Safeguarding: Roles and Competencies for Health and Social Care Staff 2018

On-going challenges / risks:

- Year on year increase in activity for vulnerable groups with multiple co-morbidities and complex psychosocial problems. This inevitably impacts on the capacity of the Safeguarding and clinical teams to respond.
- The number of patients admitted with disordered eating/eating disorders.
- Elderly patients living with dementia delayed in hospital.
- Increasing and maintaining workforce knowledge of the Mental Capacity Act and DoLS and application in practice.
- Increasing and maintaining workforce knowledge of domestic abuse and application in practice.
- Supporting patients and the staff caring for them where there is homelessness or other external service/resource issues beyond our control
- Service users who don't reach thresholds for statutory or voluntary services and the differences between local authorities
- Implementation of new legislation and statutory guidance specifically the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act May 2019, new Liberty Protection Safeguards and the Intercollegiate Document, Adult Safeguarding: Roles and Competencies for Health and Social Care Staff 2018