

# DBCP SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARDS NEWSLETTER

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## **Safeguarding Adults Boards Meeting on 13 June 2025**

- **South Western Ambulance Service Trust** provided an overview of their Annual Report and progress against their Safeguarding review development plan. They are in year 2 of a 3-year improvement plan which covers 5 key areas: governance, training, supervision, data management, and patient experience. They are aiming for all frontline staff to be Level 3 trained in safeguarding by 2026. Governance has been strengthened, and a proactive supervision system established, and a new referral form integrated into the Electronic Patient Record, which will improve data collection and sharing. SWAST has made significant progress with ongoing efforts to improve in all areas.
- **BCP Council Housing** provided an update. The Homeless Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) continues its work in line with BCP Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021–2025. It includes 18 organisations (housing, adult social care, police, and voluntary sector) working with rough sleepers or those at risk in the BCP area. So far, the MDT has worked with over 106 people. BCP Housing is now a lead partner in Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM), which involves charities and organisations working together to address homelessness.
- **Dorset Care Association** presented on the Trusted Assessor Service, a team of care sector-experienced staff, established to ensure safe and accurate hospital discharges. They work independently to assess patients from arrival to discharge, working closely with hospital staff to undertake assessments to support patients to receive appropriate care and support upon discharge. This can include support with medication to transport arrangements.
- **Safeguarding Adult Review Peter** - Patrick Hopkinson (Independent Reviewer), presented the Review highlighting the importance of recognising the increased risks associated for people with multiple health conditions, in particular diabetes, and the need for a holistic approach to care, including social needs. The Board approved the SAR Report, and this can be found on our website [here, SAR Peter](#)
- **Dorset Police** updated on Right Care, Right Person. The police are primarily involved in cases with immediate threats to life or critical situations, reducing their involvement in non-critical mental health issues. Data showing a sustained drop in police deployments for welfare concerns, with 19,777 individuals appropriately signposted to the right agency, a 30% reduction in the use of Section 136 since November last year and extensive training has been provided to control room staff and partner agencies to implement the "right care, right person" approach. Partner agencies will be gathering data from their agencies enabling the Board to look at wider system impact.

## **Important upcoming dates for the diary**

**23 July 1-3pm - SAR Subgroup Teams meeting**

**31 July 2-3.30pm CEG Subgroup Teams meeting**

## **\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

**13 November 2025 9.30am-12.30pm – DBCP SAB SAR Learning Event –** *We will be holding our annual online SAR Learning event, facilitated by Professor Michael Preston-Shoot. We will review the learning and actions delivered following publication of SAR Edward, SAR Peter and also considering SARs from elsewhere e.g. SAR X, where learning addressed the management and multiagency response following the release of a high-risk ageing prisoner with care and support needs.*

## **Useful guidance and research for staff from our Partner organisations**

*We urge partners to share the below information within and across their organisations, particularly with front-line staff*

### **SWAN Advocacy**

SWAN Advocacy has created a training video to promote the role of independent advocates in the safeguarding process and help practitioners understand the role of advocates better.

See the video [here](#) and it can be found on our website.

### **Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS)**

DWFRS has a new video to highlight how to stay safe while storing and charging electric bike and mobility scooters [Electric Bike and Mobility Scooter Safety Advice](#).

### **Dorset Police - Herbert Protocol**

The Herbert Protocol is a national scheme set up to protect and support vulnerable people and enable them to retain their independence. The scheme encourages carers, family and friends to provide and put together useful information, which can then be used in the event of a vulnerable person going missing. Using the protocol, police resources can deploy to the locations where they have a higher probability of quickly finding the person.

Dorset Police have produced a new video to raise awareness of the Herbert Protocol, this can be found [here](#) along with further information [Herbert protocol](#).