

SVPP Newsletter



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Mark Gurrey, SVPP Independent Chair

Introduction from the Chair

The Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership (SVPP) was established in February 2019 in response to [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#); that local safeguarding partners set out new arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of local children including identifying and responding to their needs. The SVPP has a focus on both adults and children and brings together the work of the Safeguarding Adult Board (WSAB) the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in addition to its focus on safeguarding children. Details of the partnership are set out in [Wiltshire's Safeguarding Plan](#).

Although SVPP has been in place for over 18 months it has been recognised that the SVPP, and its work and role within Wiltshire, is not well understood. The SVPP published its [Annual Report](#) in June which sets out the work of the partnership since it was set up in February 2019 as well as further planned developments and changes in its structure and priorities for the future.

Regular newsletters are being re-established to improve communication with partners and understanding of the work of the partnership and we are developing a structure chart, which will be available soon.

Any feedback or comments on SVPP communications or the work of the partnership can be emailed to SVPP@wiltshire.gov.uk.

[Wiltshire Safeguarding Adult Board \(WSAB\)](#)

Richard Crompton, Chair of the WSAB, retired in May and this provided the partnership with an opportunity to review the work of the WSAB. As a result, some changes have been made to the structure and function of the Board:

- The SVPP Executive has taken on the function of the WSAB and Mark Gurrey is also the WSAB Chair
- Sub-groups have been reviewed to ensure they are as effective as possible
- We will continue to engage with wider partners through a range of activity

To find out more about the Adult Board please go to: <http://www.wiltshiresab.org.uk/>

Developing a partnership approach to Practice Review

Case Reviews: A new Partnership Practice Review Group (PPRG) has been established to bring together existing review processes for both statutory and non-statutory reviews of cases involving adults and children, including Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Rapid Reviews and Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews for Children and Domestic Homicide Reviews. This new partnership approach is intended to:

- Reduce duplication and use skills, knowledge and capacity more efficiently
- Enable better sharing of learning across both adult and children's safeguarding systems and workforce
- Enable better oversight and management of reviews, actions and recommendations and demands on partner agencies through a centralised coordination process

We will keep you updated as this group develops and will be holding multi-agency forums to share learning from case reviews. To find out more about learning from case reviews relating to children go to: <http://www.wiltshirescb.org.uk/learning-from-practice-reviews/>

Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews

In August the WSAB published a learning briefing following a [Safeguarding Adult Review \(SAR\) Adult H](#). The review involved an adult who was in her seventies, with dementia and other care and support needs and, at the time, a permanent resident at a care home in Wiltshire. Adult H was the victim of a sexual assault by another resident whilst in the care home and case was referred to the WSAB to assess how partners can learn from what happened to Adult H and ensure that, in future, adults at risk are better protected from harm. Learning from the review included; improved information sharing and assessment particularly around the management of offenders. You can find more about SARS here: <http://www.wiltshiresab.org.uk/safeguarding-adults-reviews/>

NEWS IN BRIEF

- SWCPP provide multi-agency child protection procedures online and can be found at: <https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/>
- Our local flowcharts on allegations management and what to do if you are worried that a child is being abused or neglected have been reviewed and updated versions can be found at: <https://www.wiltshirescb.org.uk/professionals/local-policies-and-guidance/>
- SVPP face to face training is being delivered virtually from September – there are a range of e-learning courses available as well and further information can be found at: <http://www.wiltshirescb.org.uk/professionals/training/>
- The [National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel](#) have published their second national review - [Safeguarding children at risk of sudden unexpected infant death](#). The review explores the risk factors for SUDI and the ways in which practitioners can support parents and carers not just in preventing sudden unexpected deaths in infants, but as part of a wider approach in raising awareness of infant safety, health and wellbeing.

Introducing the SVPP Business Support Team

The SVPP and wider partnership is supported by a Business Support Team which, although hosted by Wiltshire Council, is funded by the partnership. The team supports all aspects of partnership working, including the sub groups and the SVPP training programme. It is led by Julie Upson, Children's Partnership Quality Assurance Lead and Interim Partnership Boards Manager and Catherine Clark, Safeguarding Adult Board Lead and includes a Training Administrator and Partnership Business Support Officers. You can contact the team at SVPP@wiltshire.gov.uk