

BIRMINGHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (BSAB) ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

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What is Adult Safeguarding?

“Safeguarding means protecting an adult’s right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult’s wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action. This must recognise that adults sometimes have complex interpersonal relationships and may be ambivalent, unclear or unrealistic about their personal circumstances.”

(Care Act 2014 Guidance).

Types of Abuse

- Physical
- Domestic violence
- Sexual
- Psychological
- Financial or material
- Modern slavery
- Discriminatory eg forms of harassment
- Organisational eg in hospitals or care homes
- Neglect and acts of omission eg withholding adequate nutrition
- Self-neglect

Who is Responsible?

- A concern to the whole community.
- Care Act 2014 and Statutory Guidance.
- LAs/Adult Social Care expected to lead, national outcomes framework. Primary agencies are the Local Authority, NHS, Police.
- Birmingham in line with legislation - Annual Reports, annual plans, information protocols, etc.
- NHS moved responsibilities to CCGs + other changes e.g. Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty/Supreme Court judgments.

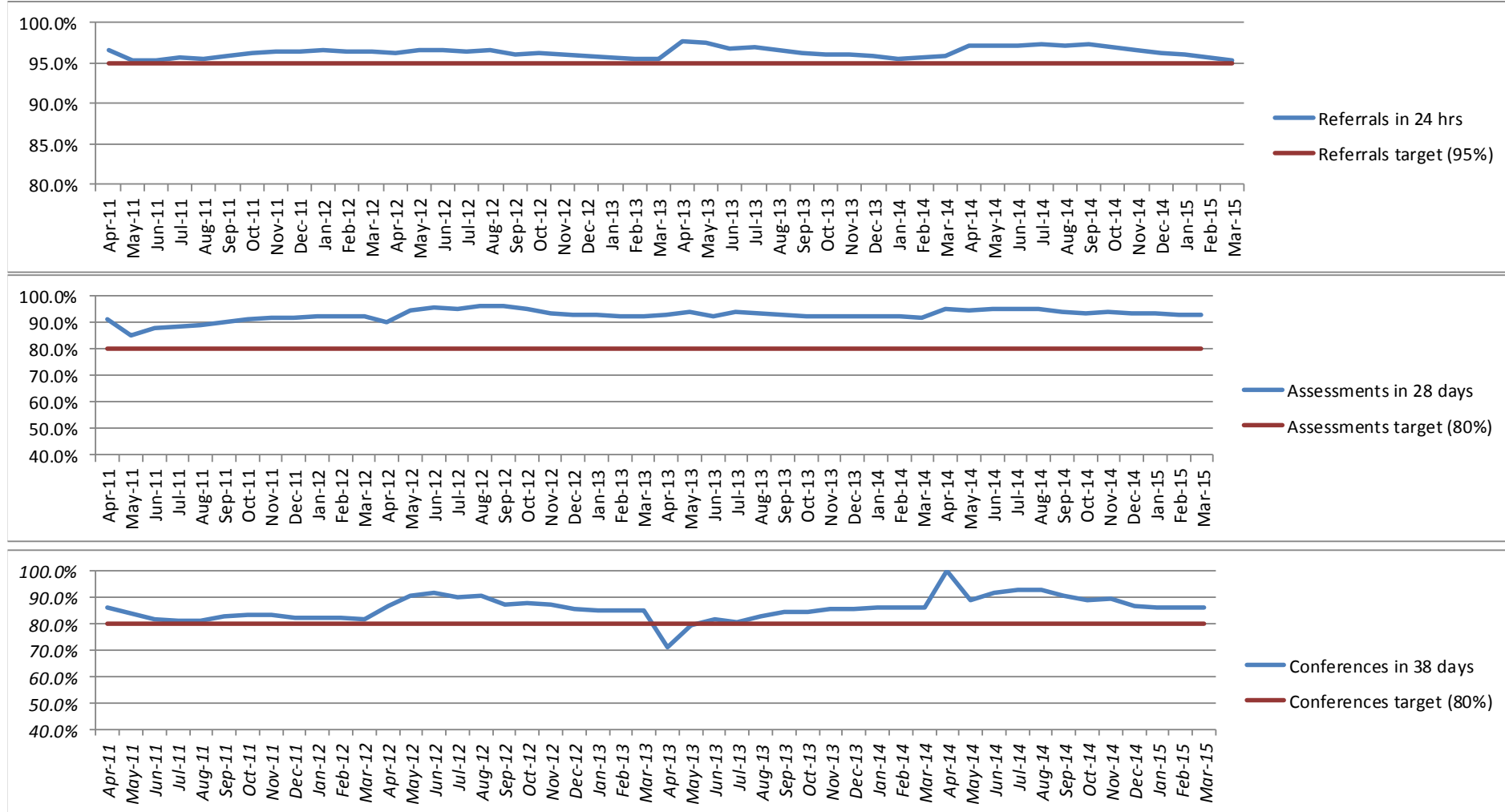
Key Messages/Achievements from 2014/15 Annual Report

- 2014/15 Eyes and Ears campaign focussed on financial abuse
- Continued to promote Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards legislation in practice eg learning day inspired a theatre product on issues faced daily with citizens in this area.
- 6,288 safeguarding alerts (13% increase). 37% judged not needing further investigation (36% last year).
- Stronger multi-agency focus on “lessons learnt” from serious case and other reviews and incidents
- Successful conference “risking your dignity” – front line staff from all agencies.
- Survey and actions from service users’ outcomes after going through the safeguarding process
- Introduced our approach to “Making Safeguarding Personal”
- New style business plan and risk register – aligned to the 6 principles of safeguarding – protection, prevention, partnership, proportionality, empowerment and accountability.

Safeguarding Performance

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Showing the year to date performance, by month, for Referrals, Assessments and Conferences since April 2011



Priorities for 2015/16

- The Care Act 2014 is in force – having a Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory requirement of each local authority.
- Continue to examine outcomes for people experiencing our safeguarding processes, from case file audits and from independent research. In our new styled plan we are focussing on five strategic areas over the next 3 years , as follows.
- Each strategic ambition has a number of supporting work streams:
- Priority 1 Hearing the voice of the people of Birmingham
- Priority 2 Revise the Board and it's governance to ensure it is fit for purpose
- Priority 3 Safer communities: more effective preventative strategies
- Priority 4 Partnership working: ensuring all citizens experience a personalised and individual response when safeguarding concerns are raised.
- Priority 5 Assurance monitoring the system - effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements across the City

Suggested Reading/Guidance

- Adult Safeguarding Scrutiny Guide April 2010 (Centre for Public Scrutiny/IDeA).
- The Care Act 2014 and Ch 14 of the guidance (52 pages long!)
- NHS England - Arrangements to Secure Children's and Adult Safeguarding in the Future NHS.
- LGA Councillors' Briefing 2015 – Safeguarding Adults. April 2015.