

## Learning from Mr B Voluntary SAR

### Learning Point 1

1. How can we respond better to vulnerable adults who pose risk to the public

### Learning Point 2

2. How do we use risk management processes?

This case study is about Mr B who has diagnosed learning and physical disabilities resulting in low level care and support needs.

Mr B lived in supported accommodation and was accessing services commissioned by KMBC. He demonstrated sexualised and abusive behaviour including assaults and criminal damage.

Due to concerns the local authority applied to the Court of Protection for an order to place Mr B in a more secure setting. The order was not granted, and Mr B remained in the community until he committed further abuse and was remanded in custody.

### Learning Point 3

3. How do we respond to cases involving criminal justice system

### Learning Point 4

4. What are the legal processes for complex cases

Learning Point 5

**5. We need to raise awareness of Safeguarding Processes in Knowsley**

Learning Point 7

**7. We need to share information to enable appropriate outcomes for offenders with learning disabilities**

Mr B was involved with a wide range of services and risk management processes. Although Mr B was being managed under a local Multi Agency Risk Assessment Management (MARAM) process as an adult at risk, it was considered that there was no multi-agency processes available to consider appropriate responses to adults with learning disabilities who were also a risk to others. Referrals were not made to Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

Mr B did not experience serious abuse or neglect and so didn't meet the criteria for a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR); however the Safeguarding Adults Board recognised that learning from this case could improve our response to adults who have care and support needs and who pose a risk to others so the Board chose to undertake a voluntary Safeguarding Adults Review for this case.

Learning Point 6

**6. We need to raise awareness of learning points nationally with Ministry of Justice**

Learning Point 8

**8. What is our understanding of sexual abuse and perpetrator manipulation**

Learning Point	Recommendation	Actions Completed
<p><b>1. Vulnerable adults who pose risk to the public</b></p>	<p>Police, Probation and Adult Social Care colleagues should work together to improve the way in which they highlight and respond to those adults who present risks to the public, who may not have significant care and support needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task and finish group with representation from Police, Probation and Adult Social Care to share learning</li> <li>• Learning disseminated to practitioners and operational managers across the partnership to raise awareness of the available multiagency risk management frameworks/pathways.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Review of risk assessment pathways</b></p>	<p>Knowsley Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) undertakes a review of the MARAM. This should include the pathways for referral from MARAM to other safeguarding processes where risk is managed such as MAPPA and MARAC and raises awareness across partner agencies of both processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The multi-agency risk management processes have been reviewed and the KSAB Learning Partnership Subgroup have facilitated a Learning Event to update partners about the updated processes.</li> <li>• A learning briefing has been shared with partners which includes a case study.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Responding to cases involving criminal justice system</b></p>	<p>Knowsley SAB undertakes an exploration around the multi-agency processes in Knowsley, which respond to cases within the criminal justice system for people with mental health needs and additional</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KSAB PPP subgroup have reviewed and refreshed the MARAM framework</li> <li>• KSAB Learning Partnership subgroup have reviewed and</li> </ul>

	<p>vulnerabilities, and to consider best practice and learning from other areas.</p>	<p>confirmed the multiagency processes available across the partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning materials for practitioners across the partnership, have been used as a tool to support them in their identification of cases that require multiagency risk management and appropriate use of MARAM, MAPPA and domestic abuse frameworks/pathways.</li> <li>• Promoted multi-agency working, understanding risk management pathways in others' organisations, e.g., Police, Probation and Adult Social Care.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Legal processes for complex cases</b></p>	<p>That Knowsley SAB receives assurances from The Probation Service that they have raised awareness of the legal advice, processes and systems available for all complex cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Probation Service have raised the issue of the implications of Law Commission Report and Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 for Probation Service management of cases sentenced under the Criminal Procedures (Insanity) Act with the Ministry of Justice Policy Team. MOJ Policy Team have confirmed that they are working on a response to this issue, although this remains in its early stages.</li> <li>• Probation Service Head of Function for Merseyside Courts has confirmed that appropriate</li> </ul>

		legal advice is being sought for cases sentenced under the Criminal Procedures (Insanity) Act.
<b>5. Raise awareness of safeguarding processes in Knowsley</b>	That Knowsley SAB constituent members provide evidence and assurances of their respective agencies, knowledge, awareness, and use of the safeguarding processes in place within Knowsley.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowsley’s Safeguarding Policy and Procedure updated in 2022</li> <li>• Level 4 safeguarding training delivered to all social workers in Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council</li> <li>• Training delivered to board partners and wider organisations</li> <li>• Multiagency Training Needs Analysis to be completed in 2023</li> </ul>
<b>6. Raise awareness of learning point nationally</b>	Knowsley SAB to raise with the National SAB Chairs forum the learning from this review and request that the relevant learning points are raised with the MOJ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The KSAB Chair has shared findings from the Mr B case to National SAB Chairs forum for discussion and sharing with the Ministry of Justice.</li> <li>• Connection with and where possible influence of national work / frameworks / guidance is worth pursuing in connection with the above.</li> </ul>