



The Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Boards Community Engagement Group Terms of Reference

Purpose

The group will act as a link between the Board, local communities and the voluntary and community sector, as well as involving those with lived experience of safeguarding interventions. It will support, assist and guide the Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Boards (DBCPSAB) to fulfil their responsibility to:

- Ensure that the voices of people using services are listened to
- Bring together people who have lived experience of safeguarding
- Ensure there are links to support the Safeguarding Adults Boards in ensuring that the voices of independent organisations or individuals are heard

Areas of Interest

The Community Engagement Group (CEG) will:

- Support community groups to understand safeguarding in the context of the work they do
- Gather the views of adults at risk, who may need safeguarding, and their carers to improve services
- Gather the views of the wider community in order to be able to explain safeguarding better

Specific work that will be undertaken in each area are as follows

Support existing local community based services with:

- information about people's rights
- information about what abuse is and what can be done about it
- more information about ways people can protect themselves from abuse, neglect, and harm
- how to connect people to other services in order to get the right help
- consideration as to how to make information available in different languages and formats
- advice and guidance to ensure their safeguarding policies are in line with the Care Act and Making Safeguarding Personal

Provide Information to the CEG so it can:

- Empower adults at risk to avoid abuse, harm and neglect including preventative measures they can put place e.g., power of attorney
- Ensure that people know how to report concerns and they understand what support is available to them e.g., support to attend a Police Station to report
- Provide feedback on people's experience of the safeguarding adult service across Dorset and BCP to the DBCPSAB.

Gather the views of the wider community to advise the DBCPSAB on:

- Promoting awareness of safeguarding adults at risk in the community
- Specific pieces of work, which are of interest to the CEG, and will improve the safety and response to reports of harm to adults at risk
- Ensure that all the work of the DBCPSAB reflects the experiences of adults who have experienced safeguarding and who are at risk

Accountability and reporting arrangements

- The CEG Chair as a member of the DBCP SAB will report on its work to the DBCPSAB at least four times a year.
- The CEG Chair will report back to the CEG on Board activity, on a quarterly basis.
- The CEG Chair will ensure that any specific concerns brought to the attention of the CEG are reported to the DBCP SAB Business Managers or adult social care services as appropriate
- The CEG Chair will raise any general concerns regarding service provision that comes to the notice of the CEG through the appropriate systems.
- The CEG Chair will draw to the attention of the DBCP SAB Independent Chair any issues that the CEG feels are presenting a serious risk to a number of vulnerable adults in the community and do not appear to have been given appropriate attention by the relevant partner agency when due process has been followed.

4 Group membership

- 4.1 Chair & Deputy Chair:
To be appointed by the DBCP SAB.
- 4.2 Membership/Representation – See Appendix 1 for a list of members
- 4.3 Quorum
Chair or Deputy Chair and at least one representative from 3 of the different groups and a DBCP SAB Business Manager
- 4.4 Frequency of meetings:
4 times a year

5 Document Owner

Updates:

Date	Contact	Version	Page	Details of Change
May 2022	SAB Business Team	1.0	Whole document	
March 2024	SAB Business Team	2.0	Whole document	Biannual update

Appendix 1 – Membership of the Community Engagement Group

- Dorset People First
- People First Forum, BCP
- Dorset Race Equality Council
- Healthwatch Dorset
- Volunteer Centre Dorset
- Community Action Network
- Victim Support
- Representative from Faith Groups
- Individuals with lived experience
- Carers Support Dorset
- Dorset Carers Hub