



The audit of 13th November 2024 reviewed the records of six adults who were identified through Adult Safeguarding on the theme of transition. All the adults are under 25 years of age. The aim of the audit was to ascertain whether there were good multi-agency standards for managing cases and whether organisations have implemented a robust and consistent response in line with statutory and good practice guidance, SGSAB policies and procedures and the six key principles underpinning all adult safeguarding work.

The adults reviewed for this multi agency audit are aged between 18 and 25. 3 are female and 3 are male. 3 live in supported accommodation.

The adults in the audit have a range of issues including domestic abuse, drug and alcohol misuse, being a care leaver, mental health, sexual abuse, exploitation, learning disability, Autism, ADHD.

What we are worried about?
The audit group saw concerns in terms of:

- GP not aware of safeguarding for one adult
- Flags not available to show care leaver status
- Information about care and support needs not available to police
- Advocacy not included in any of the cases and all of them could have had an advocate - doesn't appear in records to have been considered
- One adult mainly known to police because of raising concerns for a sibling and in relation to domestic abuse – but not known in their own right as being at risk
- One adult not spoken to directly, and another has not had their voice heard
- Recognition of the vulnerability of adults who commit offences when they have also been identified as a victim on multiple occasions.
- Gap in information sharing with GP for one adult who would be having an annual health check so key information would not be known.

Organisations that audited their involvement with the six adults were: Adult Social Care, Sirona, Police, GPs, DHI, Bromford & Voiceability



Theme: Advocacy
None of the adults in this audit had an advocate and there is no evidence that advocacy has been offered to them.

If advocacy has been considered it has not been recorded.

This has been a recurring theme throughout audits this year.

Numbers of young adults under 25 being referred to advocacy is low.

Recommendation that this becomes a priority for SAB for 2025

You can still request an advocate for someone who has capacity – always consider this

Think about language when recording – this audit found the use of the terminology 'catfished' which could minimise the impact of the abuse/deception that took place

Anyone can call a multi agency meeting – always consider if this would help

There was learning for this audit that children's services should always be included when auditing on the theme of transition

Multi Agency Quality Assurance Audit: Young Adults under 25 November 2024

To make a referral for advocacy in South Gloucestershire contact Voiceability. Click this box to see the services they offer

Use of advocacy is a recurrent theme in SAB audits we would like to know more about this and make it better– please click this box to complete a short survey

What Good Practice did we see?

- Voice of the adult heard for four adults
- Good relationship with mental health practitioner
- Care leaver has a personal adviser (PA) however no evidence that other practitioners were working with the PA, or considering join up
- Good use of DASH
- Strong evidence of multi agency working for some of the adults

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Care Leaver Offer and information – **Click here for information**

Self Neglect Bitesize sessions include info about calling a multi agency meeting **Click to book**

