

Safeguarding Adults at Risk in Swindon Annual Report and Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 21 October 2015

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To present the 2014/15 Annual Reports for Safeguarding Adults in Swindon and the Local Safeguarding Children Board. The Annual Reports detail progress against the annual Business Plan for the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and the Local Safeguarding Adults Board's (LSAB) Strategy.
- 1.2 The Safeguarding Adults in Swindon Annual Report 2014/15 is attached at **Appendix 1**. This is the Annual Report from the Swindon Local Safeguarding Adults Board. The Local Safeguarding Children Annual Report 2014/15 is at **Appendix 2**.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note and comment on the Annual Reports for 2014/15 for Safeguarding Adults and the Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board.

3. Detail

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** is the Safeguarding Adults at Risk in Swindon Annual Report 2014/15. The publication of an Annual Report for the LSAB is now a Statutory Requirement under the Care Act 2014. The Act and its Guidance requires major changes to the work of Safeguarding Adults Boards and the teams managing safeguarding processes. The LSAB continues to develop and consolidate its role to ensure there are processes in place to protect adults at risk (while empowering them to make their own decisions and being able to take informed risks), preventing abuse from taking place in the first place and responding in such a way that is proportionate to the individual circumstances of the alleged victim. The Board continues to develop partnerships with key agencies who can work together to improve outcomes for adults in need for care and support and are accountable for their actions concerning safeguarding adults.
- 3.2 The definition of those who are to be supported by safeguarding procedures and need to be the focus of the LSAB has changed and is now:

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- an adult who has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs).
 - is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect.
 - and as a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

The Board continues to consider the changes required under the Care Act and these form some of the priorities over 2015/ 16.

3.3 The Safeguarding Adults at Risk in Swindon Annual Report 2014/15 includes:

- Information on activity and data collected throughout the year about cases alerted and investigated under Safeguarding Adults procedures.
- An outline of progress made in addressing the priorities from the Annual Report 2014/15 and the work required leading up to the implementation of the Care Act (for example establishing a dedicated safeguarding team within the Local Authority).
- Submissions from key partner agencies and members of the LSAB.
- An overview of priorities for 2015/16.

3.4 **Appendix 2** is the Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2014/15. The Annual Report reviews achievements against the LSCB Strategic Business Plan 2014/15.

3.5 The LSCB agrees a Business Plan to monitor how everyone works together to deliver safeguarding priority areas for Swindon's children. The Executive Summary of the LSCB Annual Report lists the progress made towards each of the four priorities, whilst the achievements and impact of the work is shown in the relevant sections of the Annual Report.

3.6 Working Together 2015 requires the LSCB to have an independent Chair, who can hold all agencies to account. A new LSCB Chair was appointed in July 2015.

3.7 The LSCB Strategic Business Plan 2014/15 set four priority areas:

3.8 Priority Area One: Effective responses to specific safeguarding concerns

- Detailed strategies and comprehensive approaches to Domestic Abuse, Parental Substance Misuse, Alcohol Abuse and Mental Health (The Toxic Trio) that keeps children and young people safe and promote effective intervention with those who are at risk.

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- Consolidate strategies and approaches to Child Sexual Exploitation that keeps children and young people safe.

3.9 The progress towards Priority One during 2014/15 was as follows.

- 3.9.1 The creation of the CSE Delivery Plan/Action Plan has enabled the prioritisation, resourcing, co-ordination and progressing of key deliverables of the CSE Strategy.
- 3.9.2 The commissioning and delivery of the Partnership Profile for CSE, has for the first time given a clear understanding of those people who are at most risk across Swindon.
- 3.9.3 The drama production “Chelsea’s Choice” was delivered to all Secondary Schools, alternative education providers, Special Schools and professionals from the children’s workforce.
- 3.9.4 Swindon CSE Pocket Guides were developed to raise awareness of CSE amongst the professional workforce.
- 3.9.5 Multi agency CSE training was commissioned from Barnardos and delivered to over 75 delegates from partners’ workforce.
- 3.9.6 The LSCB continues to provide training in Domestic Abuse and Parental Mental Health.
- 3.9.7 62 professionals attended the workshop on ‘Domestic Abuse in Teen Relationships’ delivered by Swindon Women’s Aid at the 2014 LSCB Annual Conference.
- 3.9.8 The LSCB Performance Sub Group is developing a reporting framework for data relating to substance and alcohol misuse.

3.10 Priority Area Two: Effective early intervention and safeguarding

The LSCB can demonstrate that children and young people in Swindon receive effective early intervention that meets a range of needs in different communities.

3.11 Progress towards Priority Area Two in 2014/15 was as follows:

- 3.11.1 The LSCB Performance Sub Group reports on key safeguarding risks to every Board meeting and performance data has been developed to reflect the journey of the child.
- 3.11.2 The LSCB Chair attends the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). A protocol between LSCB, Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) and Health and Wellbeing Board has been agreed.

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- 3.11.3 The Quality Assurance Sub Group completed four multi agency audits of practice. The Quality Assurance Sub Group includes representatives from a range of agencies in Swindon: Children's social care and early help delivery; community child health; acute health; Police; Probation; CAMHS.
- 3.11.4 The LSCB commissioned two Local Case Reviews in 2014/15, the findings of which have led to further quality assurance work by the Board.
- 3.11.5 Early Help assessments (Early Help Record & Plan) and early help training have been monitored by the Swindon Children's Trust Board; going forward, this will be the direct responsibility of the LSCB.
- 3.12 Priority Area Three: Communication and engagement
- 3.13 The LSCB and partner agencies communicate effectively with children and young people; their families; the community (including different sections of the Community); and staff at all levels from partners agencies.
- 3.13.1 Young people's views are obtained through the annual Feeling Safe and Schools Internet surveys and are reported to the Board. In excess of 2,600 individual responses were captured by the 6th annual Internet Pupil Survey.
- 3.13.2 The LSCB receives regular reports from the advocacy service, which includes the young people's voice. The Board agreed to double the funding to the advocacy service for parents with learning disabilities, and also to fund the development of some easy read leaflets.
- 3.13.3 There are targeted sections on the LSCB website for children/young people and for parents/carers. Safeguarding information and offers of an awareness-raising session are provided by the Awareness and Engagement Sub Group.
- 3.13.4 The LSCB set up the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Working Group and developed a FGM Pocket Guide and Information for Professionals alongside Multi Agency Guidance which comprise the 'FGM Toolkit' for professionals.
- 3.13.5 The LSCB has recruited four active lay members to the Board.
- 3.14 Priority Area Four: Performance Management
- 3.15 The LSCB has a performance management framework which promotes different ways of knowing and learning about the effectiveness of early intervention for and safeguarding of children and young people in Swindon.
- 3.16 Progress towards Priority Area Four during 2014/15 was as follows:
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- 3.16.1 The LSCB Performance Sub Group meets quarterly, reporting to every Board meeting and links to the Quality Assurance Sub Group to commission audit activity.
- 3.16.2 Performance reports from Avon and Wiltshire Partnership (AWP), Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Wiltshire Police, Great Western Hospital (GWH) and Children, Families and Community Health form part of the Performance report to Board meetings.
- 3.16.3 The programme of audits for the year has been followed and practice has been challenged by the Board.
- 3.16.4 Action plans from the annual Section 11 (Safeguarding) audit were reviewed and monitored at the Performance Sub Group.
- 3.17 The authors of the various sections in the report have listed their achievements, effects and what more needs to be done. The contributions from LSCB partner agencies give case studies which show the differences and highlight the role of multi-agency working.
- 3.18 The challenge for the Board is to develop more sophisticated methods of demonstrating impact and understanding more clearly from staff how the improved practice has “made a difference”. These challenges will be reflected in the LSCB Business Plan for 2015/16.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options proposed. Local Authorities are required to produce an Annual Report for Safeguarding Adults at Risk and the LSCB is required to produce an Annual Report through Working Together 2015.

5. Implications

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial or procurement implications arising directly from this report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no direct legal or human rights implications arising from this report.

All other Implications

- 5.3 There are no other direct implications arising from this report.

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6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Director of Finance (Section151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 **Appendix 1** Safeguarding Adults at Risk in Swindon Annual Report 2014/15
- 8.2 **Appendix 2** Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2014/15