

Safeguarding Adults in Swindon Annual Report 2015/16

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To present the Annual Reports for Safeguarding Adults in Swindon 2015/16. The Annual Reports detail progress against the Local Safeguarding Board's Strategic Plan and provides details on activity in relations to safeguarding adults.
- 1.2 The Safeguarding Adults in Swindon Annual Report 2015/16 is attached at Appendix 1 and will be available on the Swindon Borough Council website.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note and comment on the Safeguarding Adults in Swindon Annual Report for 2015/16 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

3. Detail

- 3.1 From the 1st April 2015 there is a statutory duty for Local Safeguarding Adults Boards (LSAB) to publish an annual report to show what the Board and member organisations have done to carryout and deliver the priorities within the LSAB Strategy.
- 3.2 This is the first annual report that reflects the statutory duties required under the Care Act 2014.
- 3.3 The annual report includes:
 - 3.3.1 Information on activity and data collected throughout the year about cases referred and enquiries held under Safeguarding Adults procedures.
 - 3.3.2 An outline of progress made in addressing the priorities from the LSAB Strategic Plan and other developments throughout the year.
 - 3.3.3 Submissions from key partner agencies and members of the LSAB.
 - 3.3.4 An overview of priorities for 2016/17.
- 3.4 Overall the report highlights the increase in safeguarding activity since the creation of a dedicated safeguarding team within the Council and the implementation of the Care Act 2014. The LSAB are monitoring this to consider

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the impact this has on resources and consider trends and remedial action to improve quality of reporting or reduce incidents of concern.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options proposed. The publication of an Annual Report is a statutory requirement.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising 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 (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 Consideration on how abuse and neglect impact upon these areas continues to be among the topics focussed upon by the LASB.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 A Diversity Impact Assessment has been completed covering the implementation of the Care Act and while it did not identify any adverse impact on any protected groups, it highlighted areas where additional work is required (for example) to increase engagement with some community groups. One of the main drivers behind the Care Act is to ensure consistent and fair approaches for all people with care and support needs from any community.
- 5.5 The Safeguarding Procedures are under review and during the review process a specific Diversity Impact Assessment will be completed.

Risk Management

- 5.6 There are no identified risks arising directly from this report, however, one of the key priorities within the LSAB Strategy is to develop a new Risk Register.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Corporate Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

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8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 - Safeguarding Adults in Swindon Annual Report 2015/16.