

Safeguarding Adults in Swindon Annual Report 2016/17

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To present the Annual Report for Safeguarding Adults in Swindon 2016/17. The Annual Report details progress against the Local Safeguarding Adults Board's (LSAB) Strategic Plan, and provides details on activity in relations to safeguarding adults.
- 1.2 The full Safeguarding Adults in Swindon Annual Report 2016/17 can be found in Appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note and comment on the Safeguarding Adults in Swindon Annual Report for 2016-2017.

3. Detail

- 3.1 It is a statutory duty for LSABs to publish an annual report to show what the Board and member organisations have done to carry out and deliver the priorities within the LSAB Strategy.
- 3.2 This is the second annual report since the Care Act 2014 which gave local authorities and its partner's statutory duties with regards to safeguarding adults.
- 3.3 The annual report includes:
 - Information on activity and data collected throughout the year about cases referred and enquiries held under Safeguarding Adults procedures.
 - An outline of progress made in addressing the priorities from the LSAB Strategic Plan and other developments throughout the year.
 - Submissions from key partner agencies and members of the LSAB.
 - An overview of priorities for 2017/18.
- 3.4 The report outlines that there continues to be an increase in the number of safeguarding concerns raised, however the increase is smaller than reported in previous years. There is still a large gap in the number of concerns raised and those needing an enquiry. The LSAB is monitoring this to consider how it impacts

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on resources, and the trends and remedial action taken to improve the quality of reporting or reduce incidents of inappropriate concerns.

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 of 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. Whilst 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. This has again been highlighted in the annual report and the Board's strategy as a priority. 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.

Risk Management

- 5.5 There are no identified risks arising directly from this report. The LSAB has produced a Risk Register which is referenced within the report.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 All members of the LSAB.
- 6.2 The Director of Finance (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 2016/17 *(This appendix, and appendices to other reports in this agenda, have been circulated to the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board under separate cover. All appendices can be inspected on the Council's website at: <http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=933&Year=0> and copies can be obtained from Committee and Member Services).*