

Health and Wellbeing Board  
8 December 2016

**Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015 - 2016**

**Purpose of the report:**

The Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015/16 sets out the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board's progress in implementing its strategic priorities. It is a statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 for Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board to produce an Annual Report and this has been presented to Surrey County Council's Cabinet. The Annual Report is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board to support its priority to safeguard the population of Surrey.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board;

1. notes the attached Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015/16.
2. identifies any opportunities for the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board and the Health & Wellbeing Board to work jointly to achieve shared priorities.

**Introduction:**

3. The Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) is a statutory board with duties set out in the Care Act 2014 and the statutory guidance. The SSAB seeks to assure itself of the effectiveness of safeguarding adults in its area. SSAB has an independent chair whose primary duty is to ensure that the main statutory agencies work together to improve practices which protect and promote the safety of adults at risk of abuse and neglect in Surrey.
4. SSAB would like to support Health and Wellbeing Board members in having a good understanding of the range of abuse and neglect issues that can affect adults as well as highlighting the importance of balancing safeguarding with empowerment as required by the Care Act. The aim of the SSAB Annual Report 2015/16 is to increase that understanding.

#### **Care Act 2014**

- 5 The Care Act states that each local authority must establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (a 'SAB') for its area. The objective of a SAB is to help and protect adults in its area in cases of the kind described in section 42(1) of the legislation (this is set out below). The way in which a SAB must seek to achieve its objective is by co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of what each of its members does. A SAB may do anything which appears to it to be necessary or desirable for the purpose of achieving its objective.
- 5 Section 42(1) of the Care Act describes the adults that must be protected by safeguarding as: an adult in the Local Authority area (whether or not ordinarily resident there who has needs for care and support irrespective of whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs) and 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.

#### **Conclusions:**

6. The SSAB Annual Report supports the understanding of the Board in relation to factors affecting adult safeguarding in Surrey. It facilitates the identification of mutual priorities where both SSAB and the Health & Wellbeing Board can work together and support each other to achieve better outcomes for people in Surrey.

#### **Next steps:**

7. For the two Boards to continue to work together in a collaborative way.
- 

#### **Report contact:**

Liz Butcher, Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Manager,

#### **Contact details:**

**Tel:** 07772 901 984

Elizabeth.butcher@surreycc.gov.uk

**Sources/background papers:**

- Care Act 2014 statutory guidance
- SSAB Strategic Plan
- Progress reports from SSAB member agencies
- Safeguarding data from SSAB member agencies

This page is intentionally left blank