

Health and Wellbeing Board

1. Reference Information

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2. Executive summary

The Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) is a statutory multi-agency board with responsibilities set out in the Care Act 2014. The SSAB is chaired by an independent chair, Mr Simon Turpitt.

There is a statutory duty for all Safeguarding Adult Boards to publish an annual report and disseminate to various parties, of which the Health and Wellbeing Board is one.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Considers and notes the attached Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21.
2. Considers the SSAB Annual Report in relation to the HWB strategic priorities to ensure collaborative working between the boards.

4. Reason for Recommendations

Recommendations demonstrate that the SSAB is fulfilling its statutory requirement under the Care Act 2014 to present to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

It supports the SSAB to be transparent by providing information to the public on performance of the Board and delivery of the SSAB strategic plan.

Ensures that the Health and Wellbeing Board is aware of the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board and the interface with the Health and Wellbeing Board strategic priorities.

5. Detail

Surrey has had a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) in place for over a decade with the board being statutory since the implementation of the Care Act 2014. The primary duty of the SAB is to ensure the main statutory agencies work together to improve practice which protects and promotes the safety of adults at risk of abuse and neglect in Surrey.

It is a statutory requirement under the Care Act for the Annual Report to be sent to the Chief Executive and Leader of the local authority, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable, Healthwatch, and the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Board would like members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to have a good understanding of the range of abuse and neglect issues that can affect adults with care and support needs and of the importance of balancing safeguarding with empowerment, and how this links with the HWB priorities. It is anticipated the annual report will increase this understanding.

The report highlights the work of the board over the past year in relation to the strategic priorities:

- Prevent Abuse and Neglect
- Improve the management and response to safeguarding concerns and enquiries
- Learn lessons and shape future practice

The report also includes data from Surrey County Council Adult Social Care, Surrey Police and Trading Standards. SSAB agencies were asked to contribute to the report and highlight their achievements and challenges within the 2020/21 year in relation to their safeguarding adults work.

6. Challenges

The Annual Report is a description of the Board's activities and challenges faced during the year for both the SSAB and partner agencies.

7. Timescale and delivery plan

The Safeguarding Adults Annual Report covers the 2020/2021 year.

8. How is this being communicated?

The Annual Report is a description of the Boards activities undertaken during the 2020/21 year. As a multi-agency report all members of the Board were consulted on the contents and invited to contribute. The Annual Report was presented to Cabinet in October 2021.

9. Next steps

The SSAB Annual Report will be:

- Published on the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board website
- Circulated with the Surrey SAB newsletter (next Edition)
- Distributed electronically to:
 - Chief Executive of the County Council and the Leader of the Council
 - The Police and Crime Commissioner
 - The Chief Constable
 - Healthwatch Surrey
 - Board members for them to cascade within their own organisations

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