

Health and Wellbeing Board Paper

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 Board is chaired by an Independent Chair, Simon Turpitt. There is a statutory duty for the Safeguarding Adult's Board to publish an Annual Report and disseminate to various parties, of which the Health and Wellbeing Board is one.

3. Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers and notes the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Annual Report for 2019/2020.

Consider the Safeguarding Adults Annual Report in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Board strategic priorities.

4. Reason for Recommendations

This recommendation demonstrates that the Safeguarding Adults Board is fulfilling its statutory requirement under the Care Act 2014 to present to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

It supports the Safeguarding Adults Board to be transparent by presenting the performance of the Board and its 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. The Board has been statutory since the implementation of the Care Act in April 2015. The primary duty of the SAB is to ensure that 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 2014 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 Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Board would like to Health and Wellbeing Board members, 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, as required by the Care Act (Section 14.193 of the statutory guidance) and how this links with the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities. It is anticipated the Annual Report will increase that understanding.

Care Act 2014

The Care Act states each local authority must establish a Safeguarding Adults Board for its area. The objective of a SAB is to help and protect adults with care and support needs in its area from abuse and neglect. 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.

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 (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.

6. Challenges

No challenges are identified.

7. Timescale and delivery plan

The Safeguarding Adults Annual Report covers the 2019/2020 year.

8. How is this being communicated?

The Annual Report is a description of the Boards activities undertaken during the 2019/2020 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 2020.

9. Next steps

- The Boards Annual report will be;
 - Published on the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Website
 - Circulated in the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter
 - Distributed to
 - Chief Executive of the Council
 - Board Members for them to cascade within their own agencies
 - The Police and Crime Commissioner
 - The Chief Constable
 - Healthwatch Surrey

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