

# Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel

## 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

<b>Report title</b>	Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adults' Board (WSAB) Report 2016-17	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Sandra Samuels	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	WSAB Health and Wellbeing Board PLT	14 September 2017 20 September 2017 16 September 2017

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### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Panel is recommended to:

1. It is recommended that Scrutiny receive this report in order to ensure a clear understanding in relation to the work of Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adult Board (WSAB) over the last year.
2. Scrutiny note the range of work that is taking place to safeguard adults in Wolverhampton, and the continued challenges, developments and achievements in this critical area of work.

## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Scrutiny Panel with a copy of the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adult Board's (WSAB) Annual Report to inform Scrutiny of the safeguarding activity 2016/2017 and to present the progress made against the priorities for that period.
- 1.2 The Annual Report is agreed by the WSAB and provides an overview of how partners have discharged their safeguarding responsibilities over the preceding year.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adult Board (WSAB) became a statutory body in April 2015 following the implementation of the Care Act 2014. The WSAB is independently chaired and its members are senior representatives of all the principle stakeholders working together to safeguard adults with care and support needs in the City. The core duties of the Board are set out in Chapter 14 of the Care Act Statutory Guidance, issued under S78 of the Care Act 2014 which requires the Board to:-
  - Co-ordinate, develop and publish a Strategic Plan for each financial year detailing how it will meet its main objective and what Members will do to achieve this;
  - Publish an Annual Report detailing what the Board has done during the year to achieve its objectives and implement its Strategic Plan and what Members have done to implement the Strategy.
  - Conduct any Safeguarding Adults Review in accordance with S44 of the Care Act 2014.
- 2.2 The Care Act 2014 requires each Local Safeguarding Adult Board to produce and publish an Annual Report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. The annual report must also provide information about any Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR's) and how the Board is monitoring progress against its policies and intention to deliver its Strategic Plan. The annual report should be published in relation to the preceding financial year and should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles. The report must be submitted to the following:-
  - Managing Director and Leader of Wolverhampton City Council;
  - The West Midlands Police Commander;
  - The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and
  - The local Healthwatch
- 2.3 The 2016 /17 Annual Report includes information on national, regional and local safeguarding developments, the structure and work of the WSAB, progress against the Board priorities, strategic priorities for 2016-2017, partner achievements, safeguarding activity data and case studies.

2.4 This report is formally the responsibility of the independent Chair, Alan Coe. Its contents have been accepted by the WSAB. In line with statutory guidance aligned to the Care Act 2014, it will be submitted to the Managing Director of the Council, the Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Chair of the Health and Well-being Board

2.2 Overall, WSAB believes that arrangements for safeguarding adults in Wolverhampton during this period were effective; that there is a strong commitment to safeguarding adults across the Wolverhampton partnership; and that frontline practice continues to improve.

### **3.0 Progress against priorities**

3.1 The Annual Report outlines our progress and provides individual assurance statements from the organisations represented at the Safeguarding Adults Board.

3.2 For each of the Board's Priorities there is a lead that is responsible for driving the priority forward. The leads are all Board members and they report regularly to the Board on both the progress made and challenges faced. The Priority Leads make up the Board's Executive Group.

3.3 Over the past 12 months work has been undertaken to prevent neglect and abuse. In Particular the following are considered key achievements to strengthen safeguarding practice and its scrutiny:

- Continued investment in Health Watch to strengthen our engagement with service users.
- Updated our guidance in relation to Position of Trust Regional Policy. WSAB agreed to adopt the framework of the West Midlands Regional Safeguarding Network.
- Overseen the implementation of the Wolverhampton combined MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub). Wolverhampton Children's MASH was created in January 2016 and the introduction of the Adult MASH followed in late August 2016 to start to create a Whole Family MASH approach to Safeguarding both adults and children.
- Initiated and carried out successful communication and engagement activity with the public and the workforce by: developing our new website; making engagement with faith groups a priority; undertaking a city-wide campaign 'Orange Wolverhampton' to raise awareness of violence against women and girls; and establishing a multi-agency forum for front-line staff to influence operational and strategic developments;
- Re-invigorated our Quality and Performance Committee to enhance our capacity to oversee front line practice.

3.4 There is always more to do and the report outlines our priorities for the period 2017-2019 which include to:

- Further develop the board's risk register to include those risks which have the potential to have a negative impact on the ability of partner agencies to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of vulnerable adults
- Ensure that the Local Safeguarding Adult Board has the right level of performance management information with which to challenge and hold to account partner agencies on the effectiveness of their safeguarding responsibilities
- Develop a coherent rolling programme of single and multi-agency audits with which to quality-assure the work of partner agencies in safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of adults; and ensure that the results of the Annual Assurance Framework are moderated effectively
- Develop a robust training strategy which incorporates a system with which to evaluate the impact of training on frontline practice
- Further strengthen the annual report to ensure that it provides a clear picture of the effectiveness of partner agencies across all key safeguarding services
- Develop a multi-agency strategy that outlines the identification of and response to adults with emerging vulnerabilities that do not meet the threshold for specialist services e.g. LA intervention and support under the Care Act 2014; in patient admission etc
- Continue to strengthen communication and engagement with vulnerable individuals, communities and organisations across our diverse City

#### **4.0 Financial implications**

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The Boards are funded from contributions from partner agencies. [AS/19092017/E]

#### **5.0 Legal implications**

5.1 The Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) and Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) are statutory bodies set up in accordance with the Children Act 2004, and Care Act 2015, respectively. RB/19092017/S

#### **6.0 Equalities implications**

6.1 The annual reports serve to demonstrate that Safeguarding impacts across race, gender, culture and ability.

#### **7.0 Environmental implications**

7.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

## **8.0 Human resources implications**

8.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.

## **9.0 Corporate landlord implications**

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from the Inspection report.

## **10.0 Schedule of background papers**

10.1 Care Act 2014