

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report 2015/16

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To present the Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2015/16.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) has a statutory requirement to publish an annual report which offers assurance that local safeguarding arrangements and partners work together to help and protect adults with care and support needs in its area. The report should be submitted to the Leader and Head of Paid Service of the Council, local Police and Crime Commissioner, Healthwatch and the Chair of the local Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.2 The guidance supporting the Care Act 2014 states that the LSAB must publish an annual report detailing what it has done during the year to achieve its main objectives and its strategic plan, as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs).
- 2.3 The Annual report outlines the progress made and compliance in respect of the LSAB statutory functions including:

The Board's duties in respect of:

- Its membership which should include the three statutory partners (Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group and Police)
- Each member of the Board will have a designated lead officer
- Publishing a strategic plan
- Undertaking Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)
- Developing policies and procedures to help safeguard and promote the wellbeing of adults at risk of abuse and neglect
- Effective communication and awareness raising about safeguarding adults at risk of abuse and neglect
- Training of persons working with adults at risk of abuse and neglect

- Analysis of multi-agency safeguarding data to better understand the reasons that lie behind local data returns and to use this information to improve safeguarding arrangements

2.4 The annual report also includes progress in relation to the LSAB priorities:

- To keep adults safe at home
- To raise awareness of keeping people safe
- To keep adults safe in care and health settings
- The Board leads multi agency safeguarding effectively

2.5 The headline achievements within the report are:

- I. The LSAB is an effective Board with consistent leadership and membership.
- II. The LSAB Independent Chair has developed positive relationships and has held 1:1s with key partners, and continues to establish effective ways to hold partners to account and to gain assurance of the effectiveness of the Boards arrangements
- III. The Board have considered new national safeguarding reporting requirements to build the safeguarding activity picture both locally and nationally. Adjustments have been made in relation to how and what data is collected and this data is regularly reviewed by the Safeguarding Adults Board.
- IV. 89% of adults (higher than the national average) who have used services in North Lincolnshire report that those services have made them feel safer.

2.6 The report shows that the Quality of Care in North Lincolnshire CQC review 2016 demonstrates the Care Quality Commission confidence in the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board

'Partners engage effectively with the Board and there are clear priorities set out in the Board's Business Plan' (The Quality of Care in North Lincolnshire: Care Quality Commission 2016)

2.7 The report shows that the LSAB has made good progress against the priorities for 2015/16

Examples of progress include:

Keep Adults Safe at Home

The Safeguarding Adults Board have worked with the Safeguarding Children's Board to promote a Spaces of Safety (SOS) programme across North Lincolnshire. This initiative aims to provide people in distress with a safe place to talk about their difficulties and receive appropriate support to achieve outcomes they identify as important.

Raise Awareness on Keeping People Safe

Throughout the year the Board and its partners have promoted safeguarding awareness via a number of events within the locality. In particular in April 2015 a network event with partners and the local public took place in the centre of Scunthorpe, to share safeguarding messages and list to local views about what makes people safe.

The promotion of safeguarding information has yielded positive results as safeguarding concerns reported by the wider public have increased to 17% from 8% of the previous year.

Keep adults safe in care and health settings

Several members of the Board have been involved in implementation of the Herbert Protocol in North Lincolnshire. This is a national scheme led by police with agency partners. The protocol encourages carers to compile useful information about a vulnerable person suffering with dementia. The information is recorded and held by the person, their family or carers, and is passed to the police in the event of the individual going missing. It is expected that the information will help operations to find missing persons with dementia quickly and make them safe.

The SAB have maintained oversight of the safety and well-being of adults in care and health settings, through its monitoring of outcomes in respect of local authority and health quality assurance of providers and CQC inspections in North Lincolnshire.

The Board leads multi agency safeguarding effectively

During 2015 North Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board developed an operational framework that combined both policy and information updates with practical development session to address specific areas of business or enhance the collective knowledge of issues in North Lincolnshire and nationally.

- 2.8 The priorities remain constant and relevant in the current SAB strategic plan which is reviewed annually.
- 2.9 The Annual Report has been agreed by the LSAB and will be published on the Council's website.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Cabinet approval of publication of annual report

To agree the Annual Report will also be presented to the:

- Leader and Head of Paid Service of the Council
- The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

- Healthwatch

It is expected that these organisations will fully consider the contents of the report and how they can improve their contributions to both safeguarding throughout their own organisation and to the joint work of the Board.

4. PRIORITIES FOR 16/17

4.1 The LSAB will continue to deliver its core functions and prioritise the following;

- To keep adults safe at home
- To raise awareness on keeping people safe
- To keep adults safe in care and health settings and to
- Lead multiagency safeguarding effectively.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 None, for information only

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 Not applicable

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 The annual review report outlines the consultation, participation and engagement that adults at risk and their families have had with safeguarding and the Board priorities.

7.2 Cabinet Member Adults and Families has approved this report for publication.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Cabinet to receive the Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2015/16 and consider where relevant in Council governance process.

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