

Report to: Health & Wellbeing Board

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Report Title: Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2016-17

Non Confidential: (***Non-Confidential***) This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public

Purpose: The purpose of the report is to inform the Safeguarding Adult Board of the performance of the Board's partnership to meet the strategic objectives to protect adults at risk from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Safeguarding Adults Board note the contents of the reports.

Decision:

Background Doc(s):

- Annual Report of Safeguarding Adult Board 2016-17

(for use on Exec Rep)

Signed:

Leader / Executive Member

Monitoring Officer

1. Introduction

1.1. This report is to provide the Partnership with an update on the performance of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

1.2. The annual report must be sent to:

- the chief executive and leader of the local authority which established the SAB
- any local policing body that is required to sit on the SAB
- the local Healthwatch organisation
- the chair of the local health and wellbeing board.

2. Functions

2.1. The Board has the following three statutory functions as described in the Care Act 2014:

- Publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets out how the Board's main objectives will be met and what members will do to achieve these. The Board will endeavour to develop its strategic plan with community engagement.
- Publish an annual report detailing the Board's and its member's achievements against the strategic plan to meet the vision, including any findings from Safeguarding Adult Reviews.
- To conduct any Safeguarding Adult Reviews advising on lessons that can be learned where an adult at risk has died or has been seriously harmed in circumstances where abuse or neglect is known or suspected.

2.2. This report provides the Safeguarding Partnership with the Boards Annual performance report for 2016-17 (Appendix A).

2.3. The Board has not conducted any Safeguarding Adult reviews in 2016-17.

3. Summary of performance.

3.1 The Annual report demonstrates that there has been continued commitment from the partners to Safeguarding Adults in Bolton with many achievements and developments across agencies.

3.2 Below are a selection of achievements;

- The Board restructured the sub groups making them more stream lined and effective.
- Self Audit Review 2016/17.
- Making Safeguarding Personal has now been embedded into the Safeguarding Pathway
- Establishing a multi-agency training programme for all levels of member organisations and monitoring impact of training.

- 3.3 The report also details the statutory performance returns, these demonstrate the level of Safeguarding activity in Bolton and compare this with national data where this is available. The Board intends to develop this dashboard of information in the coming year to incorporate a multi-agency perspective on performance data.
- 3.4 Bolton's rate of new safeguarding concerns has fluctuated over the last three years. In 2016/17 the number of concerns ranged between 40 and 70 per month with an average monthly rate of 52. This is 10% lower than in 2015/16 when the average was 58.
- 3.5 Concerns raised by members of the public and self-referrals have been consistently low throughout the year and previous years. The data suggests that there is a lack of awareness in the community about what adult abuse is and how it should be reported.
- 3.6 The Board have considered the annual performance, undertaken a self-review in the style of a peer-review and held a development session to identify areas of priority for 2016-18 activity.

4. Accountability

4.1. The Board's annual report will be made available in accordance with its constitution to the following;

- The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- The Chief Executive and Leader of Bolton Council.
- Greater Manchester Police.
- Bolton Healthwatch.
- Health and Social Care Overview Scrutiny Committee.
- NHS Bolton CCG Board

5. Recommendations

5.1. The Partnership are recommended to comment upon and note the performance and work of the Safeguarding Adult board.