

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Protocol setting out governance and working arrangements between the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board and the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board

Purpose of Report

To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the protocol setting out the governance and working arrangements necessary to support the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) and the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board (BHWB) in order that they may operate effectively together to safeguard and promote the safety of adults in Barnsley. The Protocol aims to strengthen the working relationships between the Boards, to clarify the responsibilities of each partnership and to make clear, their responsibilities to each other.

Recommendations

Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:-

- Note and agree the content of the Protocol setting out the governance and working arrangements between the BSAB and the BHWB

Introduction/ Background

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced Health and Wellbeing Boards, a vehicle to make sure health and social care services are designed and delivered around local needs and aspirations throughout the country.

The Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) was borne out of the “No Secrets” guidance (DH, 2000). Members of the BSAB are signatories to a multi-agency partnership agreement which operates under the Safeguarding Adult Procedures for South Yorkshire.

The Care Act 2014 and new provisions relating to Safeguarding Adults Boards will be implemented in April 2015. This will place the Safeguarding Adults Board on a statutory footing. This will further clarify the roles and responsibilities of member organisations and serve to inform local arrangements for the safeguarding of vulnerable people.

Conclusion/ Next Steps

The Chairperson of the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board will attend the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board annually to present the Safeguarding Adult Board's Annual Report.

Ensure that the Safeguarding Adults Board is formally consulted with in relation to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), specifically on issues which affect the welfare of vulnerable adults and adults at risk of harm as a result of abuse and neglect.

Ensure that that the information provided by the Safeguarding Adults Board is disseminated within the Health and Wellbeing Board's member organisations and considered as part of the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Appendices

Appendix 1 -

The Protocol setting out governance and working arrangements between the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board and the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board.

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Protocol setting out governance and working arrangements between the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board and the

Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The aim of this protocol is to support the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board and the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board to operate effectively together to safeguard and promote the safety of adults in Barnsley. It aims to strengthen the working relationships between the Boards, to clarify the responsibilities of each partnership and to make clear, their responsibilities to each other.
- 1.2 The Protocol summarises the functions and responsibilities of the two partnerships and describes the inter-relationship between them.

2 The Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced Health and Wellbeing Boards as a key cornerstone of the health and social care reforms, a vehicle to make sure health and social care services are designed and delivered around local needs and aspirations throughout the country.
- 2.2 The requirements placed upon the Health and Wellbeing Board, enshrined in legislation are as follows:-
 - Oversee/ co-ordinate the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA);
 - Produce a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
 - Ensure health, social care and public health services pay due regard to the strategic intentions of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in their commissioning plans; and,
 - Promote integration across the health and care system.

3 The Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board

- 3.1 Whilst it does not currently operate under specific statutory requirements, the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) was borne out of the “No Secrets” guidance (DH, 2000). The guidance suggested that agencies should set up local multi-agency adult protection committees and which later came to be known as Safeguarding Adults Boards.

- 3.2 Members of the Safeguarding Adults Board are signatories to a multi-agency partnership agreement which operates under county-wide Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedure.
- 3.3 The Care Bill 2013 received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014. has now become the Care Act 2014 and the provision related to Safeguarding Boards will be implemented in April 2015. This will place the Safeguarding Adults Board on a statutory footing framework for adult safeguarding. This will further clarify the roles and responsibilities of member organisations and serve to inform local arrangements for the safeguarding of vulnerable people.
- 3.4 In summary, the Care Act will determine:
- That the Council will be responsible for establishing and managing the Safeguarding Adults Board.
 - That the Board co-ordinates and ensures the effectiveness of what each of its members does.
 - That the Board will statutorily include the Local Authority, The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Chief Officer of Police. Other partner agencies will be represented as appropriate.
 - That the Board will publish a strategic plan each financial year setting out its strategy for achieving the objective of protecting people at risk of harm, and what each member of the Board is to do to implement the strategy.
 - That the Board publishes an annual report at the end of each year in which it outlines its achievements, member's activities and the findings from any Safeguarding Adults Reviews that have taken place in the year.
- 3.5 The focus of the Safeguarding Adults Board is to protect those people who have care and support needs who are at risk of, or who are experiencing abuse and neglect. These people include disabled people, older people, people with mental health problems and those subject to domestic violence.
- 3.6 The work of the Safeguarding Adults Board reaches into all facets of wellbeing, health, crime and community safety and the commissioning of services and encompasses the activities of a broad range of partner agency operations.

4 Operational Arrangements

- 4.1 The Chairperson of the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board will attend the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board annually to present the Safeguarding Adult Board's Annual Report.

- 4.2 The Executive Director of Adults and Communities and the Cabinet Member for Adults and Communities are members of both the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 4.3 The minutes from the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board will be shared between the Boards.
- 4.4 The Safeguarding Adults Board will provide an annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board which provides an assessment of key findings from the monitoring and evaluation of local safeguarding arrangements during the year.
- 4.5 The Health and Wellbeing Board will:
- Ensure that the information provided by the Safeguarding Adults Board is disseminated within the Health and Wellbeing Board's member organisations and considered as part of the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
 - Ensure that the Safeguarding Adults Board is formally consulted with in relation to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), specifically on issues which affect the welfare of vulnerable adults and adults at risk of harm as a result of abuse and neglect.
 - Ensure the relationship with the Safeguarding Adults Board through the reporting outlined above, is referenced in the Health and Wellbeing Board governance arrangements.

5 Review

- 5.1 The Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board and the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board undertake to review the implementation of this Protocol annually or earlier should the need arise as a result of action learning through either practical application of the Protocol or through national developments or statute.

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