

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE

TITLE: ADULTS SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	16th August 2023
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Place Health & Adult Social Care
Key Decision	Yes
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To inform the cabinet of the work undertaken by the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) during 2022/2023 and the publication of its latest Annual Report.

Council Plan priority

Healthy Barnsley/2030

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. Note the Annual Report, in conjunction with the progress of the Board in meeting its responsibilities to keep adults in Barnsley safe

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Following the introduction of the Care Act in 2015, Adult Safeguarding became a statutory responsibility and requires all Local Authority areas to establish a multi-agency Board with an independent chair. The main responsibilities of the Board are to

- ✓ Provide assurance that single agency and multi-agency responses to prevent and respond to safeguarding are robust
- ✓ Evaluate the need for a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) when an adult dies and there are concerns about the quality of the multi-agency responses
- ✓ Produce an annual strategic plan and report on progress against this in the annual report.

1.2 The BSAB annual report will be signed off at the BSAB meeting on the 20 July 2023 and is attached as Appendix 1. The Cabinet's Spokesperson (People: Safeguarding) attends BSAB meetings as an active member and receives all reports. (Cllr Jenny Platts stood down from the Board and is not available to speak to the report, she has been replaced by Cllr Jo Newing.

1.3 Summary of the report

- ✓ The number of concerns received increased by 33% (up from 2231 in 2021/22 to 3129 in 2022/23), many of these referrals came from the independent care sector and did not require a safeguarding response. We are particularly pleased to see the increase in referrals from the public, family and friends and we hope that the new safeguarding customer engagement post will increase the referrals in 2023/24. (See page 14 of the report. The involvement of SYP in the front door has reduced the number of referrals from police colleagues, it is hoped that the feedback from the officer to police colleague, will continue to improve the quality of referrals
- ✓ Barnsley is in line with regional and national comparators for demographic data of adults supported via safeguarding (age, gender, and disability) See page 6 of the report.
- ✓ 93% of adults reported that safeguarding helped them to remove or reduce the risks of harm or abuse remained and 92% stated that we had helped them meet their agreed outcomes (safeguarding "shopping list"). Barnsley is committed to working with adults to empower them to take control or be actively involved in stopping the harm. This is in line with Making Safeguarding Personal Principles (MSP). See pages 9 and 10
- ✓ Barnsley residents report that they feel safer because of using services, our performance exceeds both regional and national comparators. See page 9 of the report.
- ✓ Our strength in working together in partnership with the adult is reflected in the case study shown in the report. See pages 8 and 9 of the report.
- ✓ More adults received multi-agency, safeguarding, support to address their self-neglect and hoarding and reported positive outcomes. The D 'Clutter group continues to be a supportive forum for many adults struggling with hoarding and the members of the group have made valuable contributions

to local and regional education for workers and volunteers, highlighting the importance of language.

- ✓ Training opportunities expanded significantly in the year, see pages 10 and 11 of the report. BSAB are pleased that partners are engaged in contributing to the programme. Barnsley continue to drive the work of the South Yorkshire Working Together Education Programme.
- ✓ Preparations commenced in the year in advance of CQC inspections, many positive examples of practice were identified and the areas for improvement have been added to the action plans for both subgroups and Board.
- ✓ BSAB had the highest rate of SAR referrals in Yorkshire and Humberside, evidencing knowledge of the process and a willingness to learn from cases. The majority of these did not result in a statutory Safeguarding Adults Review, however learning took place in other forums or as “learning lessons” reviews. See pages 18 – 21. We are proud to have created and adopted a “Was Not Brought” policy to protect adults who are unable to attend health appointments without support and recognise the work completed by Primary Care colleagues in amending their recording systems to capture this information

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 Cabinet is recommended to note the Annual Report, in conjunction with the progress of the Board in meeting its responsibilities to keep adults in Barnsley safe**

3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

- 3.1.1 The Council’s Director of Finance (S151 Officer) or representative has been consulted as part of drafting this report.
- 3.1.2 The total cost of discharging the responsibilities of the BSAB in 2022/23 was £163,394 and mainly relates to cost of the Board Manager, Multi-Agency Trainer and associated business support costs.
- 3.1.3 The Council is the largest funder of this service, with the remainder of the funds coming from NHS Barnsley and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
- 3.1.4 Funding of £39,521 has been earmarked and carried over to 2023/24 (agreed by the BSAB) and is linked to the extension of the Multi-Agency Trainer post.
- 3.1.5 This report generates no additional financial risk to the authority.

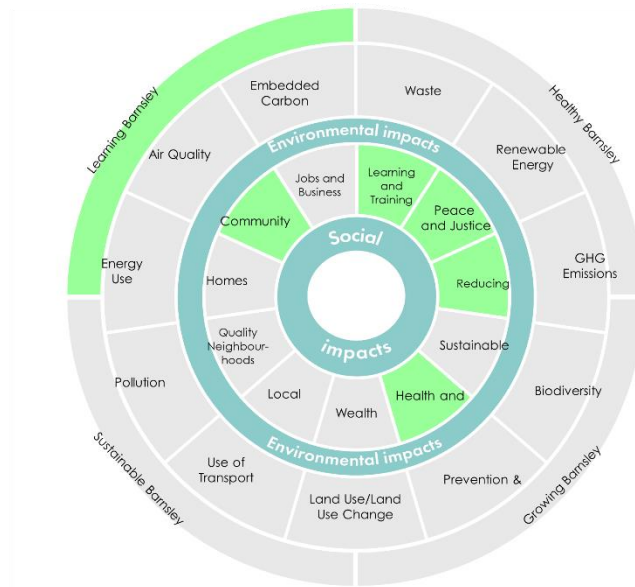
3.2 Legal

There are no legal risks identified. This report complies with the requirements set out in the Care Act 2015 for each Safeguarding Board to publish an Annual Report containing its strategic plan and progress made.

3.3 Equality

Equality is at the heart of safeguarding, ensuring that irrespective of ability or social circumstances everyone is able to be supported to be and feel safe and that there are clear routes, well understood for people to raise their concerns and be supported equitably to resolve them.

3.4 Sustainability



3.5 Employee

No direct impact on employees

3.6 Communications

The report will be available as a digital resource on the website and can be printed upon request.

4. CONSULTATION

Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board is a partnership, all partners will be required to approve the report in advance of publication. A public facing document will be produced, as requested by the SAFE customer subgroup of BSAB

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 No applicable as a statutory responsibility under the Care Act 2014

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Care Act requires BSAB to produce an annual report, it will be approved by the Board in advance of publication. Approval of the report will fulfill our statutory duties

7. GLOSSARY

Not applicable

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Annual Report 2022-23

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date <i>David Graham – Principal Accountant</i> 1st August 2023
Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date <i>M P Farrell</i> Team Leader – Social Care Legal Team 19th July 2023

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