

# Item 3a

## Report of the Executive Director Core Services to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on 12 September 2023

### Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) Annual Report 2022-23 – Cover Report

#### 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Local Safeguarding Adults Boards are a statutory requirement of the Care Act 2014 and require organisations to come together to agree on how they will cooperate with each other to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults. The Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) has been operating since 2000 but was originally known as the Adult Protection Committee. The Care Act gives the Board the power to place a “duty to enquire” on statutory partner agencies (Local Authority, the Police and the Integrated Care System).
- 1.2 The Government recognised that even though local authorities had been responsible for adult safeguarding for a number of years, there had never been any clear laws to support this. Therefore, under the Care Act 2014 there was a statutory responsibility for SABs to be in place from April 2015, enabling local partnership working amongst key organisations to hold each other to account and to ensure safeguarding adults remains high on the agenda across the area. The Care Act 2014 recognises that local authorities alone cannot safeguard individuals, it requires joint-working with other agencies supported by increasing the awareness of adult safeguarding amongst the wider public.
- 1.3 The BSAB is a multi-agency Board with an independent Chair, comprising statutory, independent, voluntary organisations and service user/carer representation which have a stakeholder interest in safeguarding adults. The overarching purpose of the Board is to help and protect adults with care and support needs and to do this, the partnership has to make sure that:
- Local safeguarding arrangements are in place
  - Safeguarding practice is person-centred
  - They work together to prevent abuse and neglect
  - Agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred
  - Their safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life for adults in the area

#### 2.0 Current Position

- 2.1 The BSAB Annual Report 2022-23 (Item 3b - attached) outlines the work of the Board and its local and regional partners from April 2022 to March 2023.
- 2.2 The Board have identified four ambitions within their strategic plan (2021-24) and progress against these ambitions are detailed within the report. Those ambitions are:-
- To ensure that collectively they all work hard to prevent harm and abuse across Barnsley
  - To develop citizen-led approaches to safeguarding
  - To continue to develop safe transition experiences for young people

- Learning together and continually improving

2.3 The governance structure is also outlined within the report, with the work of the Board being taken forward by the following five sub-groups:-

- Performance Management & Quality Assurance sub-group chaired by Healthwatch
- Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE) sub-group chaired by a member of SAFE
- Pathways and Partnership sub-group chaired by Adult Social Care
- Learning & Development sub-group chaired by Barnsley Council
- SAR and DHR sub-committee chaired by the Independent Chair of BSAB

### **3.0 Future Plans & Challenges**

3.1 During the current year (2023-24) the Board intend to continue to work towards achieving their four core ambitions. Specifically, they intend to:

- Review and update the strategic plan with a development event being held later this year
- Improve the quality of data available to the board to provide the necessary assurance about how well they are keeping people safe
- Improve their knowledge of the quality of training provided within the independent care and voluntary sectors
- Use the learning and impact of the temporary customer engagement post to inform the ambition to increase public knowledge of and confidence to share concerns about themselves, their families, or neighbours
- Support the new chair in their role to benefit from their experience in West Yorkshire
- Complete audits and challenge events etc, to test the impact of their work in practice

### **4.0 Invited Witnesses**

4.1 At today's meeting, a number of Board representatives have been invited to answer questions from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding their work over the last annual reporting year (April 2022-March 2023), as well as work being undertaken currently and future plans:-

- Marianne Huison, Independent Chair, Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB)
- Wendy Lowder, Executive Director – Place Health & Adult Social Care, Barnsley Council
- Julie Chapman, Service Director – Adult Social Care & Health, Place Health & Adult Social Care, Barnsley Council
- Cath Erine, Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board Manager, Place Health & Adult Social Care, Barnsley Council
- Cllr Jo Newing, Cabinet Spokesperson, Place Health & Adult Social Care, Barnsley Council
- Chief Superintendent Simon Wanless, Barnsley District Commander, South Yorkshire Police (SYP)
- Dawn Gibbon, Head of Safeguarding, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BHNFT)
- Emma Cox, Assistant Director of Nursing, Quality & Professions, South-West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SWYPFT)
- Angela Fawcett, Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

- Jayne Sivakumar, Chief Nurse, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
- Rebecca Slaytor, Named Nurse for Adults, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BHNFT)

## 5.0 Possible Areas for Investigation

5.1 Members may wish to ask questions around the following areas:

- How successful has the board been in achieving the plans for 2022/23? What went well, what could have gone better, and what learning can be taken from this?
- What do you consider to be the greatest risks for the partnership and how can these be mitigated?
- What evidence do you have that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life for adults in the area?
- Is the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) effective in leading and holding individual agencies to account and ensuring effective multi-agency working? How do you know?
- How does the Safeguarding Adults Board perform its quality assurance role? What evidence do you have that this leads to service improvement at system and frontline practitioner level?
- How confident are you that the improvements made to track 'people in a position of trust' and communication between Adult Social Care and SYP on 'shared' cases have been effectively implemented and embedded? What more needs to be done?
- What is in place to support those who report that risks of further harm remain?
- What are the implications of not having robust safeguarding data and when do you expect to have accurate, reliable and comparable datasets available?
- Can you give an example of how you are using the experience of adults and their carers/families to drive improvements to safeguarding arrangements and what more needs to be done to amplify 'lived experience' in the work of the board?
- What more needs to be done to ensure effective joined up working of front-line services so that all agencies have a full picture of what is happening in the lives of individuals and that safeguarding opportunities are not missed?
- How do you ensure that learning from safeguarding incidents is used to improve outcomes and that this is done quickly to prevent future harm?
- How do you know that training theory is being put into practice and what evaluation is being done to determine whether it is improving outcomes?
- Are the right people on the Board to get things done, are there any areas that need strengthening, and what mechanisms are in place to report to the respective organisations?
- Have actions identified as a result of the peer review been implemented? If so, what difference have they made?

- What is being done to ensure the 'Right Care, Right Person' initiative is being embedded locally across the appropriate frontline services and how is this being communicated with the public?
- What actions could be taken by elected members to assist in the work of the SAB?

## 6.0 Background Papers and Useful Links

- BSAB Annual Report 2022-23 (Item 3b - attached)
- BSAB Strategic Plan 2021-24  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/18850/safeguarding-adults-board-strategic-plan-v4-optimised.pdf>
- Social Care Institute for Excellence – Making Safeguarding Personal Principles:  
<https://www.scie.org.uk/care-act-2014/safeguarding-adults/safeguarding-adults-boards-checklist-and-resources/making-safeguarding-personal.asp>
- The Care Act Easy Read Summary:  
<https://inclusionnorth.org/uploads/attachment/600/care-act-easy-read-summary.pdf>

## 7.0 Glossary

BHNFT	Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
(B)SAB	(Barnsley) Safeguarding Adults Board
CQC	Care Quality Commission
DHR	Domestic Homicide Review
MSP	Making Safeguarding Personal
OSC	Overview & Scrutiny Committee
SAFE	Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience
SAR	Safeguarding Adults Review
SWYPFT	South-West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
SYP	South Yorkshire Police

## 8.0 Officer Contact

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