

**Report of the Director of Human Resources,  
Performance & Communications,  
to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC)  
on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) Annual Report 2015-16  
- Cover Report**

**1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 Local Safeguarding Adults Boards are a key system in every locality across the country to enable 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. However it was not until the Care Act 2014 that it became a statutory requirement for local authorities to set up a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) with core membership from the local authority, the Police and the NHS (specifically the local Clinical Commissioning Group [CCG]) and the power to include other relevant bodies.
- 1.2 The Government recognised that even though local authorities have been responsible for adult safeguarding for a number of years, there have 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 but requires joint-working with other agencies as well as awareness of the wider public.
- 1.3 The BSAB is a multi-agency Board comprising statutory, independent, voluntary organisations and service user/carer representation which have a stakeholder interest in safeguarding adults. The vision of the Board is 'that every adult – irrespective of age, race, gender, culture, religion, disability or sexual orientation, has a right to live a life free from abuse, neglect, exploitation and discrimination.
- 1.4 The BSAB Annual Report 2015-16 (Item 4b - attached) outlines the work of the board and its local and regional partners from April 2015 to March 2016. Key achievements during this time include:
- Appointing an independent board chair
  - Streamlining the BSAB structure and reducing the number of sub-groups
  - Holding a development day that set the board's vision and direction of travel
  - Agreeing a 3 year strategic plan
  - Agreeing a protocol for Safeguarding Adult Reviews that aligns with the process for Domestic Homicide Reviews
  - Strengthening reporting on standards of care in care homes
  - Working to get a shared understanding of safeguarding across the partnership, including Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP), which is a shift in culture and practice to empower adults at risk of abuse and neglect to have greater control over what happens.

1.5 BSAB's plans for 2016-17 are listed on page 30 of Item 4b (attached). The key pieces of work which are currently being undertaken include:

- Strengthening performance reporting to address data quality issues
- Carrying out case audits of front line practice to provide quality assurance
- Engaging with wider communities and adults who experience safeguarding to help in determining what the board does
- Developing proposals to strengthen training provision
- Following audits, holding a challenge process whereby the independent chair will be able to question senior board members on how effectively their organisations are carrying out their safeguarding business
- Ensure clear local guidance on safeguarding procedures is available to ensure practice is consistent and robust.

1.6 At today's meeting, a number of Board representatives have been invited to the meeting to answer questions from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the work of the BSAB over the last Annual Reporting year (April 2015-March 2016) as well as to talk about the work being undertaken this year.

## **2.0 Invited Witnesses**

2.1 The following witnesses have been invited to today's meeting:

- Bob Dyson, Independent Chair, BSAB
- Brigid Reid, Chief Nurse, Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Sarah MacGillivray, Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Adults, Barnsley CCG
- Alison Bielby, Deputy Director of Nursing, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BHNFT)
- Peter Horner, Public Protection Unit Manager, South Yorkshire Police
- Glynn Shaw, Head of Service, Adult Assessment & Care Management, People Directorate
- Michael Potter, Service Director, Organisation & Workforce Improvement, BMBC – Chair of Performance Sub-group
- Cath Erine, Safeguarding Adults Board Manager, BMBC
- Cllr Margaret Bruff, Cabinet Spokesperson - People (Safeguarding), BMBC

## **3.0 Possible Areas for Investigation**

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

- To what extent have the requirements of the Care Act 2014 been implemented by the Board, including its links with other partners such as the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)?
- How effective are performance management arrangements? How do we compare performance in Barnsley regionally and nationally?
- To what extent has Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) been implemented in all agencies and is influencing front-line practice?

- How do you ensure the sharing of intelligence between different agencies including linking with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to ensure services are effective and of good quality?
- How do you ensure service user and carer involvement in the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and that they have opportunity to challenge and influence BSAB's work?
- Are appropriate resources available to deliver safeguarding training and are different agencies/employees engaged in this?
- The performance data continues to indicate high instances of safeguarding concerns in care homes, what is being done to address this and have there been any developments since last year in the use of CCTV?
- What is in place to protect vulnerable people in their own home where they may not be in regular contact with professionals, for example they may be subject to financial abuse from a relative but are fearful of raising their concerns?
- Are all key stakeholders on board and engaged in the work of BSAB? To what extent is the contribution to the board equal from partners?
- What are the key concerns and areas for development for BSAB and how will these be achieved?
- What actions could be taken by Members to assist in the work of BSAB?

#### **4.0 Background Papers and Useful Links**

- BSAB Annual Report 2015-16 (Item 4b - attached)
- BSAB Annual Report 2014-15:  
[https://www2.barnsley.gov.uk/media/3819624/annual\\_report\\_2014\\_-\\_2015.pdf](https://www2.barnsley.gov.uk/media/3819624/annual_report_2014_-_2015.pdf)
- Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board Website:  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/adult-health-and-social-care/keeping-safe/barnsley-safeguarding-adults-board/>
- Care and Support Statutory Guidance:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance>
- Safeguarding: List of resources (via the Local Government Association):  
[http://www.local.gov.uk/care-support-reform/-/journal\\_content/56/10180/7521881/ARTICLE](http://www.local.gov.uk/care-support-reform/-/journal_content/56/10180/7521881/ARTICLE)

#### **5.0 Glossary**

BSAB - Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board  
CCG - Clinical Commissioning Group  
SABs - Safeguarding Adults Boards

#### **6.0 Officer Contact**

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