

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is not a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward Plan.

Report of the Executive Director (People)
to Cabinet

(20th September 2017)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (2016- 17)

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the work undertaken by the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) during 2016/17 and the publication of its latest Annual Report.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is recommended to note the Annual Report, together with the progress made by the Board in relation to its role and responsibilities, concerning the protection of vulnerable adults.**

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 Following the implementation of the Care Act in April 2015, adult safeguarding has been put on a statutory footing through the publication of detailed Care and Support Statutory Guidance. This requires each local authority to set up a Safeguarding Adults Board, the main objective of which is to assure local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area, who meet the safeguarding criteria.
- 3.2 The BSAB is a multi agency partnership with an independent chairperson who, through working closely with the Council's Executive Director (People) is able to hold partner organisations to account. The Board has three core duties which are summarised below: -
- To publish a strategic plan for each financial year, developed with community involvement and in consultation with Healthwatch
 - To publish an annual report detailing what the BSAB has done to deliver its main objective, namely, to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners protect adults who meet the criteria for being helped
 - To conduct Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) when these are required.
- 3.3. The BSAB's latest annual report was signed off by the Board on 24 July 2017 and is attached as Appendix 1. The Cabinet's Spokesperson (People: Safeguarding) attends meetings of the BSAB as an active member and receives all its reports.
- 3.4 Summary Of The BSAB's Annual Report (2016/17)
- 3.5 In linking to the BSAB strategic plan, the Annual Report summarises on Page 8 the Board's vision and priorities, with a focus on *Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)*. A number of case studies evidence this approach in practice and demonstrate that MSP is becoming embedded in practice.

- 3.6 On Page 10, the views of the Lay Member are captured for the first time and the plan to create a customer forum will strengthen the voice of our customers in future years.
- 3.7 Pages 13 – 21 evidence the work completed by the Board, its sub groups and partner organisations as part of achieving its priorities. Our partners have demonstrated a high level of commitment to embed person centred safeguarding into their daily practice. The sub groups have achieved a significant amount of work and commissioned some valuable resources to assist practitioners in delivering high quality safeguarding services.
- 3.8 Page 30 summarises the BSAB's plans for 2017-18. There is a detailed business plan for each of the Board's sub groups and these plans are reviewed at every meeting to evaluate progress.
- 3.9 The achievements of the Board during 2016/17 included the following:
- Holding a development event to evaluate our progress in implementing the principles of the Care Act, including Making Safeguarding Personal.
 - The successful launch of Barnsley Safeguarding Awareness Week (2016/17).
 - Producing a strategic plan on a page, to improve our ability to obtain the views of the public.
 - Completing two lessons learned events concerning two cases where the adults died, but which did not meet the threshold for a SAR or DHR. Full details of these can be found on Pages 27 – 29 of the Annual Report.
 - Producing and launching a set of operational guidance to assist practitioners to deliver high quality, consistent, safeguarding responses.
 - Developing a communication strategy to maximise the flow of information about safeguarding to the public.
 - The launch of the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Web site, which is updated on a regular basis.
- 3.10 The Board is committed to ensuring the level of challenge and accountability which will help enable individual partner organisations to fulfil their important role in keeping adults safe in the Borough.
- 3.11 As part of improving engagement and ownership, the Annual Report will be produced as an interactive document and has been scheduled to be considered by both the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4.0 Consideration of Alternative Approaches

- 4.1 This has not been necessary as the purpose of this report has been to highlight the work of the BSAB in compliance with its role and responsibilities under National Statutory Guidance.

5.0 Proposal and Justification

- 5.1 In particular, please see Paragraph 3.2.

6.0 Implications for Local People and Service Users

- 6.1 Keeping people safe is one of the Council's highest priorities. It is vital that local people have confidence in safeguarding services and also know what to do when they are concerned about someone. The SAB's work is vital to

ensuring that people are effectively safeguarded and that the Care Act guidance is fully implemented in Barnsley.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 The main costs of the BSAB relate to funding the role and responsibilities of the Independent Chair, the SAB Manager, together with business support. This amounted to £89,519 for the 2016/17 financial year.
- 7.2 The Council is the largest funder (64%) with partners, including the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Barnsley CCG contributing around 36% of the cost of maintaining the BSAB.

8.0 Employee Implications

- 8.1 There are no workforce implications arising through consideration of this report.

9.0 Communications Implications

- 9.1 The BSAB Annual Report will be published and made widely available through the Council and partners.

10.0 Consultations

- 10.1 BSAB partners, together with the Council's Senior Management Team have been consulted on the compilation of the Annual Report.

11.0 The Corporate Plan and the Council's Performance Management Framework

- 11.1 As with the Barnsley Local Safeguarding Children Board, the role and responsibilities of the BSAB support the Corporate Plan priority of 'People Achieving Their Potential' in which a key outcome is to keep children and adults safe from harm.
- 11.2 The progress and achievements indicated in the Annual Report, re-inforce the Borough's commitment to this priority.

12.0 Promoting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- 12.1 In accordance with the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Six Principles Of Adult Safeguarding, as incorporated in The Care Act, the BSAB will ensure that its responsibilities are informed by having due regard to the promotion of equality and the elimination of unlawful discrimination.

13.0 Tackling the Impact of Poverty

- 13.1 There are no implications for tackling the impact of poverty, emerging through consideration of this report. However, for this purpose, it would be useful for future annual reports to be submitted for the consideration of the Borough's Stronger Communities Partnership.

14.0 Tackling Health Inequalities

- 14.1 The Annual Report has been the subject of consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board as part of ensuring any specific issues, concerning the health and

wellbeing of vulnerable adults are acknowledged and, where necessary, addressed within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan.

15.0 Reduction of Crime and Disorder

- 15.1 Following the Winterbourne View case; the recommendations of the Francis Review and, ultimately the safeguarding provisions in the Care Act, the BSAB not only ensures that vulnerable adults are safeguarded from harm, it can perform an important role in helping identify and bring to account those responsible for harming such adults, including through cruelty and neglect.

16.0 Risk Management Issues

- 16.1 As part of the governance arrangements for the Board, any slippage in progress which is noted through the Adult Social Care and Health Business Unit Operational Risk Register is reported for its attention and, if necessary, remedial action is taken to ensure there is no impact upon the protection of vulnerable adults or in meeting their specific needs.

17.0 Health, Safety and Emergency Resilience Issues

- 17.1 There are no such implications emerging through consideration of this report

18.0 Compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights

- 18.1 The role and responsibilities of the BSAB accords with the EU Convention, particularly the right of the individual to be protected from serious harm.

19.0 Conservation of Biodiversity

- 19.1 There are no implications for the protection of the local environment or the conservation of biodiversity emerging through this report.

20.0 Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

- 20.1 None, applicable.

21.0 List of Appendices

Appendix 1: Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016 – 17

Appendix 2: - BSAB strategic plan 2016-17

22.0 Details of Background Papers

Background papers used in producing this report are available to view by contacting the BSAB Manager, PO Box 634, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 9GG or e-mail CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk.

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