

## BARNSELY 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 ON 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARNSELY LOCAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (2017-18)

##### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the work undertaken by the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) during 2017/18 and the publication of its latest Annual Report and associated material.

##### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

##### 3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The BSAB annual report was signed off by the Board on the 24 May 2018 and is attached as Appendix 1. The Cabinet's Spokesperson (People: Safeguarding) attends BSAB meetings as an active member who receives all reports.

##### 4.0 SUMMARY OF THE 2017/18 REPORT

- 4.1 A notable change in the format of the latest annual report is the inclusion of more infographics to make the report more accessible to the public, as illustrated on pages 5 – 7 of Appendix 1.
- 4.2 On page 4 of the Annual Report , personal or client insight is provided by a family who were supported to move their relative to an alternative care provider with very positive outcomes.

- 4.3 The new BSAB structure that existed during the year is shown on page 9, this has been enhanced by the addition of a new multi- agency Learning and Development sub group.
- 4.5 The creation of the SAFE sub group (Safeguarding Adults Forum (by) Experience) is highlighted in the Chairs introduction on page two. This group represents many groups in Barnsley including adults who receive care and support, carers and adults with a personal interest in safeguarding. This group have approved 2 posters, one for the public and one specifically for adults with hearing impairments. (Both are available via the Safeguarding Adults website)
- 4.6 The Chair refers to three requests for a Safeguarding Adults Review on page 2, one of which has resulted in a multi-agency enquiry overseen by an independent author. The other two did not meet the criteria for a SAR, though alternative enquiries were commenced to identify any learning.
- 4.7 Key achievements fulfilled by the Board during 2017/18, are summarised in pages 11 and 12. As well as the creation of the SAFE Sub Group, this included the development of a new policy for tackling Self-Neglect and Hoarding which forms part of the Board's documents which are available on its Web page.

## **5.0 CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES**

- 5.1 This has not been necessary as the purpose of the report has been to highlight the work of the BSAB and illustrate its compliance with its Care Act responsibilities.

## **6.0 PROPOSAL AND JUSTIFICATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE/SERVICE USERS**

- 6.1 Keeping people safe is one of the Council's highest priorities and it is essential that local people have confidence in safeguarding services and know what to do when they are concerned about their own or someone else's safety. The publication of the annual report and the creation of the SAFE group will help embed this knowledge more widely throughout the Borough's communities.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The main costs of the BSAB are associated with the cost of the Independent Chair, the Board Manager and a contribution to business support costs. This amounts to £88,576 for 2017/18, and includes additional funds provided by BMBC to support the running costs of the SAFE group.
- 7.2 The cost of the SAR was split equally between the three statutory partners – BMBC, Police and Health as the budget does not include any funds to commission these.
- 7.3 The Council is the largest funder, with the remainder of the funds coming from Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG) and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

## **8.0 EMPLOYEE IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 No workforce implications have arisen through consideration of this report

## **9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 No legal issues have emerged through considering the report.

## **10.0 CUSTOMER AND DIGITAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The report is available as a digital resource on the LSAB's page on the Council's Web site and can be printed, if required.

## **11.0 COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 The LSAB's annual report will be made widely available in order to promote the role and responsibilities of the Board in safeguarding vulnerable adults from harm throughout the Borough. This will build upon the awareness raising events which took place around the Borough, during Safeguarding Awareness Week (9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018).

## **12.0 CONSULTATIONS**

12.1 All BSAB partners (see page 10) were consulted on the compilation of the report in advance of it being signed off. Members of the SAFE sub group contributed to the design of the report and produced a video, which is available on the Safeguarding Adults website.

## **13.0 THE CORPORATE PLAN AND THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

13.1 The report and the work of the Board throughout the year, both support the Corporate priority of "People Achieving their Potential" by keeping them safe from harm and help build confidence and promote inclusion.

## **14.0 PROMOTING EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

14.1 In helping develop and implement policies, plans and procedures aimed at safeguarding vulnerable adults, the BSAB ensures these documents are compliant with the Public Sector Equality Duty and the six core principles of the Care Act, particularly in meeting the specific needs of groups of vulnerable adults with protected characteristics.

## **15.0 TACKLING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY**

15.1 Agreement between the BSAB, Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board and the Barnsley Safer Communities Partnership, resulting in a joint Board Protocol, will support joint action to tackle the effects of poverty and multiple deprivation which could potentially impact upon improving the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups of adults.

## **16.0 TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

16.1 It is proposed that the BSAB's annual report should be considered by the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board and any emerging issues included in relevant action plans.

## **17.0 REDUCTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER**

17.1 The Board is committed to examining the learning from either local Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) or SARs from other parts of country in order to identify any actions which could reduce the risk of harm to adults in Barnsley and promote best practice.

## **18.0 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

18.1 The Board receives updates from all its Sub Groups concerning their work plans and will examine any slippage in progress and take appropriate action. The Board has its own work plan which is reviewed regularly at meetings to evaluate progress on a regular basis. In addition, Adult Social Care progress in managing safeguarding cases is monitored via the Business Unit 2 Operational Risk Register.

## **19.0 HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESILIENCE ISSUES**

19.1 There are no implications emerging through consideration of this report.

## **20.0 COMPATIBILITY WITH THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

20.1 The report is compatible with the Articles and Protocols of the EU's Convention, including Articles 1-5.

## **21.0 CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY**

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

## **22.0 LIST OF APPENDICES**

22.1 Appendix 1: Annual Report of the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (2017/18)

## **23.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

23.1 Background papers used in producing this report are available to view by contacting [councilgovernance@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:councilgovernance@barnsley.gov.uk)

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