

## 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 OF COMMUNITIES TO CABINET

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (2018 - 2019)

##### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the cabinet of the work undertaken by the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board during 2018/19 and the publication of its latest Annual Report.

##### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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. 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 23 May 2019 and is attached as Appendix 1. The Cabinet's Spokesperson (People: Safeguarding) attends BSAB meetings as an active member who receives all reports.
- 3.3 Summary of BSAB report (2018/19)
- 3.4 The report includes more information to demonstrate adoption of the Making Safeguarding Personal approach to safeguarding and its impact on the risks faced by adults. It is important to recognise that adults may make choices to continue to maintain relationships with people who cause them harm and it is essential that the adults choices are respected, if they are able to make these choices for themselves (page 6)

- 3.5 On page 7, Barnsley adults report that services make them feel safe and secure and that the support of adult social care keeps them safe; our data shows that we continue to be above both regional and national comparators.
- 3.6 The success of partnership working to support adults who self-neglect and/or hoard is illustrated on page 8. “Annabelle” reports her satisfaction with the support received from agencies in helping her achieve her aim of being able to “invite people in for a cup of tea”.
- 3.7 The SAFE sub group (Safeguarding Adults Forum (by) Experience) have produced a leaflet for workers to leave with the adult following a face to face conversation about safeguarding; the impact of this will be audited in the coming year and revised if required
- 3.8 The progress against the 2018/19 action plan is captured on pages 9 and 10 and significant progress has been made, especially around our ability to deliver training for trainers courses for self-neglect and hoarding and management of people in positions of trust, despite the lack of a multi-agency training resource
- 3.9 As part of our commitment to continue to improve our ability to keep adults safe, two multi –agency learning lessons were completed during the year. Summaries of these can be found on page 11
- 3.10 On pages 12, 13 and 14 summarise some of the key achievements; this is not an exhaustive list but demonstrates the activities completed by the partnership. All of the documents identified are available on the website.
- 3.11 Page 17 illustrates the strategic plan for the coming year

#### **4. PROPOSAL AND JUSTIFICATION**

- 4.1 Please see paragraphs 3.1 and 3.8

#### **5. 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 the Care Act and Making Safeguarding Personal responsibilities

#### **6. IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE/SERVICE USERS**

- 6.1 Keeping people safe is one of the Council’s highest priorities, 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 creation of the SAFE group will embed this knowledge more robustly within Barnsley communities

#### **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The main costs of the BSAB are associated with the cost of the independent Chair, Board Manager and a contribution to business support costs. The gross spend

amounts to £101k for 2018/19 and includes additional funds provided by BMBC and South Yorkshire Police to support the running costs of the SAFE group in 2018/19.

- 7.2 The gross spend of the BSAB is funded from contributions from partner organisations and includes the Council (who is the largest contributor), Barnsley CCG and the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

## **8. EMPLOYEE IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 No workforce implications arising from consideration of this report

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 No legal issues arising from consideration of this report

## **10. CUSTOMER AND DIGITAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 The report is available as a digital resource on the web site and can be printed, if required.

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no specific communication issues arising from this report.

## **12. CONSULTATIONS**

- 12.1 All BSAB partners (see page 10) were consulted about the report in advance of signing it off, to reflect the request to produce a report with greater synergy with the Safeguarding Children's Board, the two Board Managers collaborated and agreed a broadly similar template.

[List who has been consulted and incorporate their comments into the relevant sections of the report]

**Note:** The following headings **may** be included in sequence, if there is considerable relevant detail to include (ie a list of headings with the comment "none" is not generally required). Otherwise, any information relevant to these issues may be incorporated in the above sections, with appropriate references:-

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

- 13.1 The report and the activity of the Board, throughout the year support the Corporate priority of "People Achieving their Potential" by keeping them safe from harm, The Website is the source of additional materials.

## **14. PROMOTING EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

- 14.1 BSAB will ensure, via compliance with the Public Sector Equality duty and the six core principles of the Care Act that due regard is given to the duty to promote equality and to eliminate unlawful discrimination.

## **15. TACKLING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY**

- 15.1 Agreement between BSAB, BSCB and the Barnsley Safer Partnership resulting in a joint Board Protocol will support joint action to tackle poverty that impacts on our ability to keep adults and children in Barnsley safe.

## **16. TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

- 16.1 The Annual Report will be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board and issues included in relevant action plans.

## **17. REDUCTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER**

- 17.1 A commitment has been given to examine the learning from either local SARs or lessons learnt or SARs from other parts of country to identify any actions to reduce the risk of harm to adults in Barnsley

## **18. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 18.1 The Board receives updates from all the Sub Groups against 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 by its Business Unit and escalated to the risk register if applicable.

## **19. HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESILIENCE ISSUES**

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

## **20. COMPATIBILITY WITH THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

- 20.1 The report does not demonstrate any challenge to our requirement to comply with the Human Rights legislation

## **21. 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. GLOSSARY**

None applicable

## **23. LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Report 2017/18

## 24. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background papers used in producing this report are available to view by contacting the BSAB manager – [CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk)

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

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Financial Implications/Consultation



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*(To be signed by senior Financial Services officer  
where no financial implications)*