

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 ADULTS & 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 2019/2020 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 30 July 2020 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 (2019/2020)
- 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. 96% of adults confirmed that safeguarding had either removed or the risks they face. Work is in progress to produce robust data for inclusion in the 2020-2021 annual report on Adult's experience of safeguarding and whether they felt safer as a result of the intervention. (page 8)

- 3.5 On page 8, 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 safeguard adults is illustrated in the three case studies shown on pages on pages 9 and 16. The Board receives case examples in the quarterly dashboard and by receiving “cases from the frontline” at Board meetings.
- 3.7 The SAFE sub group (Safeguarding Adults Forum (by) Experience) have produced a leaflet for workers to share with the adult or their advocate to explain the safeguarding journey and points of contact. Joint work with Public Health has commenced to produce a universal health passport to improve adult’s access to health services. (page 10)
- 3.8 The progress against the 2019/2020 strategic plan is captured on pages 10 and 11, we are pleased that we were able to deliver several training events during the year, the Board remains concerned that the current availability of training does not match the training and development needs and is actively working to address this in 2020 – 2021. Audits into the effectiveness of two key policies (People in Positions of Trust (PIPOT) and Self-Neglect and Hoarding) resulted in amendments to the policy and a commitment to audit the impact of these changes in 2021.
- 3.9 To address the low numbers of financial abuse cases being reported, an active media campaign and multi-agency training was offered (see pages 6 and 13), this has resulted in an increase in the number of financial abuse cases being identified and referred in as safeguarding concern. This increase brings Barnsley in line with regional and national comparators.
- 3.10 A summary of some of the key achievements are shown on pages 12 – 14; this is not an exhaustive list but provides examples of the partnership work completed during the year. All 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 Service Director – Finance and his representative have been consulted in drafting this report.
- 7.2 The total cost of discharging the responsibilities of the BSAB in 2019/20 is £88,363 and mainly relates to cost of the independent Chair, Board Manager and associated business support costs. The above is inclusive of additional funds provided by BMBC and South Yorkshire Police to support the running costs of the SAFE group in 2019/20.
- 7.3 The Council is the largest funder, with the remainder of the funds coming from the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

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 will be available as a digital resource on the web site and can be printed, if required. (expected publication date mid-August)

11. COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

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

12. CONSULTATIONS

- 12.1 All BSAB partners (see page 18) were consulted about the report in advance of signing it off.

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 2019/2020

24. BACKGROUND PAPERS

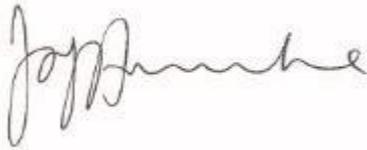
Background papers used in producing this report are available to view by contacting the BSAB manager – CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk

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If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk 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 there are no financial implications)*