

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PLACE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

TITLE: Safeguarding Peer Review

REPORT TO:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting	27 June 2022
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Place Health and Adult Social Care
Key Decision	No
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To provide Cabinet with the outcome of the Y&H Association of Director of Adult Social Services (ADASS) Safeguarding Peer Review.

Council Plan priority

Healthy Barnsley

Recommendations

That Cabinet: -

1. Accept the report, noting the areas of strength and recommendations
2. That Cabinet note that the recommendations will be monitored by the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB).

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) invited Yorkshire and Humber, Association of Director of Adult Social Services (ADASS) to complete a safeguarding peer review in 2019 however due to the pandemic this was postponed until March 2022.

The review team was as follows:

- **Richard Parry**, Lead Peer, DASS, Kirklees Council
- **Michelle Cross**, Service Director, Kirklees Council
- **Claire Smith** Head of Adult Commissioning (CCG, Rotherham Council)
- **Janet Kerr**, Head of Service, Sheffield Council
- **Jonny Oglesby**, Project Leader, ADASS Yorkshire and Humber
- **Venita Kanwar**, Peer Challenge Manager, LGA Associate, ADASS Associate

The review took place between 16 and 18 March 2022.

The Review focused on the following themes:

- Leadership, Strategy & Commissioning
- Outcomes for, and the experiences of, people who use services
- Service Delivery, effective practice and performance management

The programme for the hybrid Peer Challenge of onsite and virtual meetings included activities designed to enable members of the team to meet and talk to a range of internal and external stakeholders. These activities included:

- Interviews and discussions with councillors, senior officers, frontline staff, partners, voluntary sector, and a customer service group that included people using services
- Reading documents provided by the council including a self-assessment of progress, strengths, and areas for improvement against key areas of business. and consisted of a review of safeguarding cases, meetings with a wide range of colleagues from Barnsley who were asked to provide their views on how well the board works and what difference it makes to the safety of adults.

The reviewers highlighted a number of strengths and areas for consideration as per report at Appendix 1.

The peer review is referenced in the Safeguarding Adults annual report and our progress will be evaluated in the 2022/23 report for public scrutiny

BSAB has committed to developing and overseeing the action plan related to the board and the practice suggestions, identified for Adult Social Care.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 That Cabinet receive the report, noting the areas of strength and recommendations

That Cabinet note that the recommendations will be monitored by the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB).

3 IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Service Director (Finance) or Section 151 Officer)

There are no direct financial implications from the ADASS Adults Safeguarding Peer Review. It is envisaged that measures, in the proposed Action Plan, to address the areas for consideration identified in Peer Review report would be managed within available Adult Social Care resources and capacity.

3.2 Legal

No legal risks as not a statutory review/inspection

3.3 Equality

Not applicable - An EIA was completed in advance of the review and did not identify any areas that would negatively impact on any individuals or groups

3.4 Sustainability

The report will have no impact on the impact of the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board or the work of Adult Social Care.

3.5 Employee

No employee impacts

3.6 Communications

The board work closely with the communications and marketing team to cover all communications around these actions making sure our residents understand our plans around Safeguarding and the work we are going to do. This will link closely with additional marketing work aimed at helping people in the borough understand the importance of safeguarding and how they can assess services and report issues, so people can get additional care and support, at the right time and in the right place.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 BSAB and its subgroup members were active partners in agreeing on the terms of reference for the review and contributed to decisions around which organisations should be invited to attend meetings with the reviewers. The Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE), customer group, met with the reviewers independent of members of the Board/Board Manager to support honest feedback.

The action plan will be approved and monitored by the Board and its subgroups.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 BSAB receives quarterly updates from all partners about safeguarding the performance and holds annual learning/development events. The board agreed that whilst this could have been repeated, we valued the external scrutiny assurance that our evaluation of current strengths and growth areas were accurate. As BSAB is a statutory board, it is well placed to monitor the agreed action plan, which has elected member oversight, it is inappropriate to allocate the responsibilities to another board.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 BSAB offers a strong multi-agency forum to maintain current strengths and to take forward and deliver the action plan.

7. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Peer Review

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation and sign off	<i>Joshua Amahwe (06/06/2022)</i>
Legal consultation and sign off	<i>Marianne Farrell 1/6/2022</i>

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