

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Executive Director, Place Health and Adult Social Care

TITLE: Barnsley Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report

REPORT TO:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting	17 August 2022
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Place Health and Adult Social Care
Key Decision	Yes
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To inform the cabinet of the work undertaken by the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) during 2021/2022 and the publication of its latest Annual Report.

Council Plan priority

Healthy Barnsley

Recommendations

That Cabinet note the Annual Report, in conjunction with the progress of the Board in meeting its responsibilities to keep adults in Barnsley safe

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 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.

1.2 The BSAB annual report will be signed off at the BSAB meeting on the 21 July 2022 and is attached as Appendix 1. The Cabinet's Spokesperson (People: Safeguarding) attends BSAB meetings as an active member and receives all reports.

1.3 Summary of the report

- ✓ The number of concerns received increased by 9% (up from 2223 in 2020/21 to 2231 in 2021/22), evidencing the positive impact of our communications strategy. We are particularly pleased to see the increase in referrals from the public, family and friends and are planning work to understand what supported them to contact us to inform our communications strategy in the coming year.
- ✓ Barnsley is in line with regional and national comparators for demographic data of adults supported via safeguarding (age, gender, and disability)
- ✓ 93% of adults reported that safeguarding helped them to remove or reduce the risks of harm or abuse remained. Making Safeguarding Personal supports adults, with capacity to make this choice, to remain in situations where they may experience further harm.
- ✓ Barnsley residents report that they feel safer because of using services, our performance exceeds both regional and national comparators.
- ✓ Our strength in working together in partnership with the adult is reflected in the three case studies shown in the report.
- ✓ More adults received multi agency, safeguarding, support to address their self-neglect and hoarding and reported positive outcomes. The creation of the Hoarding Support Group, renamed the D' Clutter group in April 2022 has led to several self-referrals to the group
- ✓ The Board has been chosen to engage with a national self-neglect and hoarding research project, reflecting the good practice in place
- ✓ A Peer review by Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Directors of Adult Social Services took place in March 2022 and identified many areas of good practice. BSAB will oversee an action plan to progress areas of improvement, including the need to ensure changes in health do not negatively impact on safeguarding.
- ✓ A shared ambition to improve the synergy between the partnership boards was realised at a joint board development event and the improvements identified will be delivered via a shared action plan
- ✓ BSAB has a commitment to learn lessons and improve practice evidenced by the reviews completed that did not meet the statutory safeguarding adults review (SARs) requirements. Adult F, completed by Barnsley Safeguarding Children's Partnership, provided valuable learning about the impact of Covid. The review of Gillian by BSAB, highlighted the need for professional curiosity and the need to assess the adult and not allow family members to keep professionals out of the home. Seven-minute briefings are produced and widely circulated and regular multi agency learning events are held to share best practice. Action plans are monitored by the SAR subgroup and reported to BSAB

2. PROPOSAL

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. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

3.11 The Service Director – Finance and his representative have been consulted in drafting this report.

3.12 The total cost of discharging the responsibilities of the BSAB in 2020/21 is £139,067 and mainly relates to cost of the independent Chair, Board Manager, Multi-Agency Trainer, and associated business support costs. The above is inclusive of additional funds provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group to fund Safeguarding Activities.

3.13 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).

3.14 Funding of £40k has been earmarked and carried over to 2022/23 (agreed by the BSAB).

3.2 Legal

No legal issues arising from consideration of this report

3.3 Equality

Not applicable – the report does not contain any information that requires an EIA

3.4 Sustainability

Decision-making wheel not completed – there are no implications for the local environment, tackling climate change or sustainability emerging through consideration of this report

3.5 Employee

No workforce implications arising from consideration of this report

3.6 Communications

The report will be available as a digital resource on the web site and can be printed, if required. Expected publication date September 2022.

4. CONSULTATION

All Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board partners were consulted and provided the case studies.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 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. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The recommendation to note is made to give oversight to the work of the BSAB and illustrate compliance with the Care Act and Making Safeguarding Personal responsibilities.

7. GLOSSARY

None applicable

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

- Appendix 1: BSAB Annual Report 2021- 2022 (Word Version)
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/safeguarding-families-in-barnsley/safeguarding-adults-in-barnsley/barnsley-safeguarding-adults-board/annual-report-202122/>
(Annual Report webpage)
- Appendix 2: Annual report on a page 2021 – 2022

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

Officer contact – Julie Chapman Service Director: Adult Social Care and Health)

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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

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Joshua Amahwe (01/07/2022)
Legal consultation & sign off	Marianne Farrell 4 July 2022.

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Date: 4 July 2022