

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON SAFEGAURDING ADULTS BOARD		
DATE OF DECISION:	21 March 2013		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF COMMUNITIES, CHANGE AND PARTNERSHIPS		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

BRIEF SUMMARY

This paper provides an introduction to the Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) To note the contents of the paper at appendix 1 and receive an update on the Southampton Adults Safeguarding Board.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To provide background information to enable member to scrutinise the SSAB Annual Report at a later date.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. At the HOSP meeting on 29 November 2013 the Panel agreed that in future the SSAB annual report would be presented to the panel for discussion. This agenda item is intended to provide an introduction to the Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board and their plans for the future to enable the Panel to scrutinise the annual report in the future.
4. Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) provides the key mechanism for agreeing how relevant local organisations cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults at risk. SSAB's principal mission is to prevent, identify and respond effectively to any abuse and neglect affecting adults at risk. The coalition government published its Statement of Government Policy on Adult Safeguarding in 2011, outlining its intention to place Safeguarding Adult Boards on a new statutory footing. This was one of the recommendations from the Law Commission.

5. The SSAB has recently appointed independent Chair, Carol Tozer. The report at appendix 1 is the inaugural report from the Independent Chair's results from her induction meetings with several SSAB members. The report sets out a series of actions designed to help the Board fully maximise its effectiveness and impact in safeguarding adults at risk in Southampton. The suggested actions are based on SSAB Board members' shared observations about the SSAB's current ways of working and frequently mentioned priorities for the Board.

6. Carol Tozer and Carol Valentine, Head of Personalisation and Safeguarding, will attend the panel meeting to present the background to the SSAB an update on progress to date.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

7. None.

Property/Other

8. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

9. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

10. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

11. None

KEY DECISION? Yes/No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1. **Independent Chair's Report**

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s) Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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