

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD		
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT		
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REPORT OF:	INDEPENDENT CHAIR – SOUTHAMPTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD		
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BRIEF SUMMARY

This report outlines the work being undertaken by Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) to coordinate strategic and operational multi agency working to ensure the safety of adults at risk in Southampton.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) the committee notes the report
- (ii) the committee requests yearly reports on the work of the SSAB

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. SSAB interface with the Health and Well Being Board will support cross agency engagement and collaborative working in safeguarding

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 3 To fail to report on the work of the SSAB would reduce opportunity for effective strategic engagement around the adult safeguarding agenda with a key partner.

DETAIL

4. SSAB is a multi agency committee of senior representatives from adult social care, health commissioners and providers, police, housing, community safety, criminal justice, voluntary organisations and service user group representatives. Its remit is to prioritise and coordinate the strategic development of adult safeguarding across Southampton and to provide governance and assurance on the safety of vulnerable residents locally. It does this through 3 main areas of activity
 - Coordinating what is done by each agency to ensure the safety and well being of adults at risk

- Providing governance on the effectiveness and outcomes of the work being done across agencies
- Ensuring awareness of adult safeguarding across the community to support both prevention and early identification of safeguarding issues

The 2012/2013 annual report of the SSAB is attached in Appendix 1. Key activity and outcomes of the Board and details the priorities for action for the coming year are highlighted below.

5. Since the publication of the last annual report the operational arrangements of the Board has changed in response to the proposals in the Care Bill. The first Independent Chair was appointed in September 2012, Terms of Reference have been rewritten and membership reviewed. A multi agency budget has been identified for the first time. A “real life” agenda item has been introduced to ensure Board members are in touch with the realities of day to day practice issues. The cross Hampshire safeguarding policy and procedure has been reviewed as has the procedure for serious case reviews which will in future use a systems learning approach.
6. A key focus for the Board has been the development of an integrated performance management report. Whilst this report will require further work in the coming year it gives the Board the tools to scrutinise the quality and impact of adult safeguarding practice deployed by all agencies.
7. Adult safeguarding has been subject to significant level of national scrutiny in the last year with the exposure of the abuse at Winterbourne View Hospital and the Francis report on the excessive deaths at Mid Staffordshire Hospital. The SSAB has scrutinised the local response to these issues and will continue to do so. The action plan developed in response to a serious case review commissioned in 2011 and a domestic homicide review have also been subject to Board scrutiny throughout the year.
8. Prevention and awareness raising has continued with activities such as the development of appropriate safeguards in the vetting of providers to be part of the “Support with Confidence” website, work by Trading Standards to develop no cold calling zones and the development of a public education leaflet. A risk panel has been set up to support choice, control and appropriate risk taking in care arrangements. Keeping safe guides have been developed for service users.
9. Joint working arrangements at operational level locally are good and there has been work throughout the year to continue to improve these, particularly with community safety casework services, with the fire service around fire safety needs of vulnerable adults, who are more likely to be victims of fire death, and with trading standards for a number of individuals targeted as repeat victims of financial abuse.
10. Staff development continues to be a focus and programmes have been developed for staff in response to specific needs such as a safeguarding awareness training pack designed to be cascaded to a wider audience and a Health Providers forum.
11. The safety of contracted services is an important focus of work for the Board. A best practice in care audit checklist has been launched and training for

voluntary and independent providers has included a Managing Safely course which has been well attended.

12. Service user feedback tool has been developed to audit the experience of individuals subject to safeguarding processes in Adult Social Care. This will be rolled out to other key agencies next year.
13. Over the next year the SSAB key priorities for work includes
 - Continuing to develop strategic links with partners such as GPs, Health Watch, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Police and Crime Commissioner.
 - Strengthening the voice of adults at risk in determining the work of the Board and hearing of their experiences of safeguarding
 - Developing the performance and governance information available to the Board, undertaking audits of specific areas such as the use of CA12 police alerts on individuals who are considered vulnerable and audit the NHS decision making in raising concerns and in safeguarding action
 - Work to embed and develop safeguarding operational practice such as ensuring fire safety action plans are in place in all appropriate cases, developing the use of the police “safety net” system to highlight addresses of adults at risk and introduce the well being trigger tool
 - Continue to focus on staff development working across Hampshire to develop a training and development strategy and integrating provision of training

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

All of the work described will be undertaken within the identified SSAB budget provided by Police, Clinical Commissioning Group and Adult Social Care on pro rata basis

Property/Other

There are no other implications

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

As described in “No Secrets” guidance 2003 the local authority is required to take the lead agency role in ensuring effective arrangements are in place to secure the safety of vulnerable adults in Southampton.

Other Legal Implications:

N/A

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	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. N/A	