

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Health and Wellbeing Board (Shadow)
MEETING DATE:	7 th November 2012
TITLE:	Update Report Adult Safeguarding Annual Report 2011-12
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
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Attachment 1 Local Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2011-12 (including Business Plan 2012-15)	

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) has produced an Annual Report which outlines the work its multi-agency partners carried out during 2011-2012 and includes the proposed Business Plan for 2012-15. The report (including the business plan) requires the approval from the Partnership Board for Health and Wellbeing.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Board is asked to agree the Annual Report and Business Plan

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None, however there are capacity issues caused by increased safeguarding adults referrals the implications for these are being considered.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 The LSAB Annual Report 2011-12 provides an overview of changes to national policy relating to safeguarding adults at risk; outlines the Boards activity during this period; analyses the case activity that has taken place and outcomes for service users; reports progress on learning points identified in the 2010-11 annual report and sets out the business plan for 2012-15.

4.1 key areas that are going well

Ref	Issue	Comments	What support is requested from HWB?
1	Multi-agency engagement	Multi-agency partners of the LSAB and its sub groups are well engaged and committed to raising awareness of adult abuse and improving outcomes for service users	Continued support for the work of the LSAB
2	Ensuring the safeguarding procedure is followed according to the multi-agency procedure	Agencies work together to ensure the safeguarding adults procedure is followed according to timescale; on some occasions breaches occur and there are acceptable reasons for this; where breaches occur and the reason is not justifiable agencies change practice to address this	Continued monitoring
3	The profile of safeguarding adults referrals and outcomes for service users	For the first time there is national and regional comparator data available on the profile of safeguarding adults referrals (such as the age, gender, service user group, type of abuse and details on the alleged perpetrator) and the outcomes of the referral as it progresses through the safeguarding procedures (for example is it substantiated or not). This comparator data provides the LSAB with confidence, as the number and profile of referrals received in B&NES during 2011-12 and the outcomes for service users are not dissimilar to other areas.	Continued monitoring
4	LSAB self – assessment framework and local indicators	LSAB partners completed a Self - Assessment Framework and each partner agency is committed to improving and developing safeguarding arrangements; the LSAB partners (including non-commissioned partners) agreed a set of indicators to measure progress against	Continue monitoring

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4.2 Top 5 causes for concern

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1	Assurance that action is being taken to address the recommendations and findings from reports into Winterbourne View and Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust	The LSAB and commissioners are aware of the recommendations that have come from the various reports into Winterbourne View and Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust and seek assurance that appropriate action is taken to try and prevent this occurring in B&NES.	Awareness of the findings and implications of the recommendations
2	Strengthen arrangements to help identify and prevent abuse occurring	The LSAB recognises the need to strengthen joint working arrangements with the Responsible Authorities Group and increase the focus on the prevention of adult abuse (for example, through raising awareness with the Village Agents Project)	Approval to develop the joint working arrangements
		The LSAB recognises that multi-agency partners hold a significant amount of intelligence between them which is not systematically shared. If shared more effectively this may help prevent and identify abuse.	Support the LSAB in its aim to improve and formalise intelligence sharing arrangements
3	User involvement	The LSAB is committed to user involvement in both strategic and operational arrangements for its work and is committed to developing this during 2012-15.	To monitor the LSAB progress with this issue

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The report author, Lead Cabinet member and Local Safeguarding Adults Board have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been carried out on the Annual Report itself and is not believed to be required. However an assessment will be carried

out on the Business Plan element of this and discussed with the LSAB in December 2012. Equalities issues and impact assessments are carried out on policies and protocols that the LSAB approve.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Cabinet Member; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners (including Service Users Organisation; Carers Centre; Care Home representative and Health and Wellbeing Network representative); Other Public Sector Bodies (including Police; Probation; Fire and Rescue; AWP; RUH and RNHRD); Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer; Strategic Director for People and Communities Department.

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 Social Inclusion; Human Rights;

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 Advice has been sought from the Council's Strategic Director People and Communities Department and the Cabinet Member. The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	None
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