

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	<b>Health and Wellbeing Select Committee</b>	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	<b>25<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	<b>Local Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2014/15</b>	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> Appendix 1. Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014/15		

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Annual Report 2014/15 is highlights the work of the Board during the period. The Report is brought to the attention of the Select Committee for its consideration with regard to the content of the Annual Report, its analysis and the on-going work of the LSAB.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Note the report and business plan
- Raise any queries or concerns on safeguarding activity
- Request any additional areas of focus you would like assurance from the LSAB on

### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 None, however there remain capacity issues caused by the continued increase in safeguarding alerts. The outgoing Independent Chair has asked to have noted their concern about financial and capacity pressures on the statutory, voluntary and independent sectors.

### 4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Association of Directors of Adults Social Services recommends that LSABs present their Annual Reports for scrutiny to the relevant scrutiny panel. The LSAB recognises that this is good practice and welcomes the Health and Wellbeing Committees views on the Report.

## **5 THE REPORT**

5.1 The Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Annual Report 2014/15 highlights the work of the Board during the period and information and analysis of safeguarding case activity for the Health and Wellbeing Committee to note. The Business Plan 2015-18 is available through the link in the report. It follows the usual format with a few minor changes to reduce the size of the body of the report which the Health and Wellbeing Board made reference to last year. To that end the Partner Reports have been included in the appendices and the work of the Sub Groups is reported in bullet points.

5.2 The Report:

- contains an overview of changes to national and local policy which have taken place during the period; yet again we have seen a raft of new documents published specific to safeguarding particularly in light of the implementation of the Care Act 2014
- confirms the Boards governance arrangements and changes made within year particular reference is given to Healthwatch joining the Board in the absence of lay member
- sets out the Boards activity during the year and safeguarding case activity with 741 new alerts being made and 49% of these meeting the threshold for progression through the safeguarding procedures
- compares safeguarding case activity with national data; the national data set available for comparison is for 2013/14 however it provides a useful guide. A new comparator on mental capacity has been included though this itself requires further refining to reflect the decision specific nature of mental capacity assessments
- demonstrates the commitment of member agencies through their individual agency reports

5.3 The Business Plan 2012-15 has been completed and signed off with a new three year Plan developed at a workshop in February 2015. The original five domains have been reduced to three for greater focus. The three key priority areas are:

- Multi-Agency Responsibility and Accountability which has eight outcome areas
- Prevention and Early Intervention with three outcome areas
- Responding to and Learning from Abuse and Neglect with six outcome areas

Some of the outcomes are maintained from the previous Plan however a number are new in line with the requirements of the Care Act 2014 and the learning the LSAB has taken from its previous work programme.

## **6 RATIONALE**

6.1 The LSAB contributes to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-2019 as set out in the section Keeping People Safe (p19). The LSAB is assured to see the

inclusion of safeguarding in the revised Strategy and values the partnership with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

7.1 None

## **8 CONSULTATION**

8.1 The draft report has been considered by the LSAB. The report has been provided to Healthwatch for comments and was presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board in October 2015.

## **9 RISK MANAGEMENT**

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background papers</b>	None
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