

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Title:	Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) – Accountability Statement 2012 – 2014
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1. Summary

- 1.1. The attached Accountability Statement from the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) outlines what the Board has done to deliver its responsibilities regarding the strategic development of adult safeguarding across Hampshire. This report covers a two year period (1 April 2012 to 31 March 2014) and highlights the Board's progress and achievements in delivering its Strategic Plan and sets out the agreed strategic priorities for 2014 - 2016.

2. Introduction and context

- 2.1. The HSAB was established in 2003 and is a statutory, multi-organisation partnership committee, co-ordinated by the local authority, which gives strategic leadership for adult safeguarding, across the Hampshire County Council area. The HSAB's remit is to agree objectives, set priorities and co-ordinate the strategic development of adult safeguarding across the county. The HSAB is the key mechanism for agreeing how relevant agencies will work together effectively to safeguard and promote the safety and well-being of adults at risk and/or in vulnerable situations.
- 2.2 The report was produced by the HSAB in June 2014 and ratified by the full Board in September 2014. Currently, there is no statutory requirement to produce and publish the Report. However, in order to ensure effective governance and scrutiny of its role, HSAB has sought to share the report with Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, the chairs of HealthWatch Hampshire and the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB).
- 2.3 During the period covered by this report, safeguarding adults work has gained ever greater prominence. There have been significant national developments which have served to provide focus and for continual improvement in our local safeguarding adult arrangements. The report

highlights that the HSAB and its member organisations, have responded effectively to these developments.

2.4 When the Care Act 2014 comes into force in April 2015, it will have a significant impact on the Board. In addition to fundamentally reforming the law relating to care and support for adults and carers, this legislation will introduce a number of new duties regarding safeguarding adults at risk from abuse or neglect.

2.5 The Care Act 2014 (though Clauses 42-48) provides the new statutory framework for protecting adults at risk from abuse and neglect and includes new duties for:

- All areas to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board to bring together the local authority, NHS and police to coordinate activity to protect adults from abuse and neglect.
- Safeguarding Adults Boards to produce and publish an Annual Report and also to publish a Safeguarding Adults Plan for the area in consultation with the public and HealthWatch.
- Local Safeguarding Adults Boards to carry out safeguarding adults reviews into cases where someone who is experiencing abuse or neglect dies or there is concern about how authorities acted, to ensure lessons are learned.
- Safeguarding Adults Boards to require information sharing from other partners to support reviews or other functions.
- Local authorities to carry out enquiries (or cause others to) where it suspects an adult is at risk of abuse or neglect.

2.6 HSAB has been preparing for the implementation of the Care Act 2014 and has undertaken a range of activities to ensure local arrangements are fit for purpose and are compatible with new requirements. These include the appointment of an Independent Chair and Board Manager, agreement of multi-agency funding, review of Board governance and an update of the serious case review process.

3. The HSAB Accountability Statement 2012-2014

3.1 The report identifies the progress made by HSAB member organisations across adult social care, NHS, criminal justice agencies, housing and the voluntary sector during 2012/14 to improve local adult safeguarding systems. A number of key initiatives aimed to support improvements in front line practice and partnership working are also highlighted such as Making Safeguarding Personal, Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), Fire Safety and the introduction of a multi agency Learning and Review Framework.

3.2 The report provides an overview of adult safeguarding activity during the period in which reporting trends are analysed and also includes lessons from the serious case review undertaken within the reporting period. The report also provides a summary of the management reports requested by the Board

demonstrating how the Board has sought to hold local agencies to account for their safeguarding work.

- 3.3 The report highlights the priorities and strategic objectives for 2014/16. These have been informed by the review of the HSAB Business Plan; the need to respond to national developments such as implementation of the Care Act 2014 and other initiatives such as Making Safeguarding Personal. In addition and of equal importance, is the feedback received from the public, service users and grass roots organisations as part of the 'Stakeholder Events' organised by HSAB in May. These events were attended by over 140 local people and provided an opportunity for people to share their views about the key issues within adult safeguarding that they feel HSAB should be responding to. Common concerns highlighted included quality of local care services, disability hate crime and access to information about where and how to get help.
- 3.4 HSAB has now published its Strategic Safeguarding Plan which can be viewed via the new HSAB Website www.hampshiresab.org.uk . This outlines seven key priorities summarised as follows:
- a) *Clear policy framework for safeguarding work:* implementation of the Care Act, updating the local multi-agency safeguarding policy and procedures, development of practice guidance regarding financial abuse, human trafficking and modern slavery.
 - b) *Prevention and early intervention:* a multi agency prevention and early intervention strategy, publication of a multi-agency risk management process, continued focus on fire safety work, initiatives to address social isolation and strong links with CSPs so that adult safeguarding is included in current and new processes.
 - c) *Wide awareness of abuse and engagement of the local community:* HSAB Communication Plan, Schools Awareness Programme, developing community engagement initiatives, Stakeholder Events and raising awareness of disability hate crime and its impact.
 - d) *Safeguarding services improved and shaped by the views of stakeholders:* through the newly established Stakeholder Subgroup - to involve stakeholders in the strategic development of safeguarding, use of "experts by experience", promoting the 'Making Safeguarding Personal' approach, gaining feedback from users of safeguarding services and using the information to improve support offered.
 - e) *Robust quality assurance and governance:* implementation of the integrated quality assurance framework, publication of a 2014/16 audit programme, active engagement in the Sector Led Improvement Programme.
 - f) *Learning from experience:* maintaining the newly launched Learning from Experience Database, undertaking a range of activities to ensure lessons from serious cases are learned and applied in practice including learning workshops and holding an annual Learning Lessons conference.

- g) *Skilled, competent workforce*: development of a pan Hampshire safeguarding learning and development strategy and shared learning and development programme, development of a safeguarding practitioner network

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 Hampshire Safeguard Adults Board and the action of partners have made a significant contribution in strengthening local safeguarding arrangements and in holding local agencies to account for the quality of their safeguarding work.
- 4.2 The Board has continued to benefit from the excellent commitment and engagement of partner agencies in the strategic development of adult safeguarding locally. This, together with the comprehensive changes the Board's operating arrangements will stand the HSAB in good stead to meet the challenge of operating within a statutory framework when the Care Act 2014 comes into force in April 2015.

5. Recommendations

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- 5.1 Note the HSAB Accountability Statement 2012/14 and the progress made.
- 5.2 Receive all future HSAB Annual Reports at the Board.
- 5.3 Disseminate the HSAB Report via its own and member organisations communication networks

6. Background documents

- 6.1 HSAB Accountability Statement 2012-2014.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and support healthy choices for all, reducing the difference between those with the best and worst health and wellbeing outcomes 	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

No impact assessment has been carried out for this report.

Impact on Crime and Disorder:

Not applicable

Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Not applicable