

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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1. Summary

1.1 The attached Annual Report (appendix 1) 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 the period April 2014 to 31 March 2015 and highlights the Board's progress and achievements in delivering its strategic priorities and objectives as outlined in its Strategic Plan (appendix 2). This report was ratified by the full Board in September 2015.

2. Contextual information

2.1 On 1 April, the Care Act 2014 placed local Safeguarding Adult Boards (SABs) on a statutory footing with the Local Authority, Police and NHS as core members. The Care Act 2014 statutory guidance outlines three core duties for SABs:

- a) To publish a strategic plan for each financial year setting out how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this. The plan must be developed with local community involvement, and the SAB must consult the local Healthwatch organisation. The plan should be evidence based and make use of all available evidence and intelligence from partners to form and develop its plan.
- b) To publish an annual report detailing what it has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews and subsequent action taken.

- c) To conduct safeguarding adult reviews in accordance with Section 44 of the Act.

2.2 The HSAB is a statutory multi-agency partnership committee, co-ordinated by the local authority, which gives strategic leadership for adult safeguarding, across the Hampshire County Council area. The main objective of the HSAB is to gain assurance that those local safeguarding arrangements and HSAB partners act to help and protect adults in its area who meet the criteria set out in Chapter 14 of the statutory guidance of the Care Act 2014. The HSAB has an interest in a range of matters that contribute to the prevention of abuse and neglect such as the safety of patients in its local health services, the quality of local care and support services and the effectiveness of prisons and approved premises in safeguarding offenders.

2.3 The HSAB also works with other strategic forums and Boards to ensure that any duplication is reduced and efficiencies maximised, particularly as objectives and membership between forums is likely to overlap.

2.4 In 2014, the HSAB published its Strategic Plan for the two year period 2014/16 setting out its vision safeguarding adults in Hampshire and within this, identified a number of key priorities and objectives. A number of factors helped to shape and influence these priorities most notably the implementation of the Care Act 2014 and the introduction of a new statutory framework for adult safeguarding. In addition, the HSAB undertook a major consultation exercise in 2014 with the public, service users and grass roots organisations in which local people were asked about the key issues within adult safeguarding that they felt HSAB should be responding to. The HSAB developed a business plan (appendix 3) detailing the activities it would be undertaking over this two year period to deliver the priorities and objectives it had agreed.

2.5 Over the past year, the main focus of the HSAB has been on planning and preparation for the implementation of the Care Act 2014 which came into force on 1 April 2015. A wide range of activities have been undertaken by the Board and its member organisations to ensure local arrangements are fit for purpose and are compatible with the new statutory safeguarding arrangements. Throughout this period, the HSAB has continued to deliver its responsibilities regarding the strategic development of adult safeguarding across Hampshire with the necessary work being undertaken by the HSAB subgroups, each of which has focussed on specific objectives in the business plan.

3. Finance

3.1 The Care Act 2014, required local authorities to establish a statutory Safeguarding Adults Board which must include the local authority, NHS commissioners and the police as core members. The new statutory framework also recommends multi-agency funding arrangements to maintain the LSAB. The principle of multi-agency funding of the HSAB has been agreed by the HSAB core statutory members. The arrangements and formula to establish respective core member contributions are in line with those

agreed for the funding of the Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Board. The budget for 2014/15 was agreed at £109,017 with confirmation of funding received from the core statutory members. The HSAB delivered a balanced budget in 2014/15.

4. Performance

4.1 The report identifies the progress made by HSAB member organisations across adult social care, NHS, criminal justice agencies, housing and the voluntary sector during 2014/15 to improve local adult safeguarding systems.

4.2 The HSAB is in a strong position in respect of Care Act 2014 implementation as it has been working on developing new safeguarding arrangements with partner organisations over the past year to ensure that the local safeguarding system is Care Act 2014 compliant. The HSAB has undertaken this work with the other three neighbouring local safeguarding adult boards in Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight to ensure that the new overarching safeguarding arrangements are not only in line with the requirements of the Care Act 2014 but are also as consistent as possible across the area as a whole. The key activities undertaken by the HSAB regarding implementation of the Care Act 2014 include the following:

- a) Leadership and co-ordination of the review and development of the 4 LSAB (Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight) Multi-Agency Safeguarding Policy and Guidance including the safeguarding enquiry process.
- b) Development and publication of a wide range of 4 LSAB practice guidance covering Information Sharing, Prevention and Early Intervention, Managing Self Neglect and Safeguarding in Commissioned Services.
- c) Development of a number of Board governance processes which have now been adopted by all four LSABs thus providing consistency of approach for partner agencies. These include the Learning and Review Framework, Quality Assurance Framework and Communication Protocol.
- d) Development and publication of a Multi-Agency Adult Safeguarding Learning and Development Strategy to support implementation of the new Statutory Safeguarding Framework and the shift in culture and practice needed to achieve this. This was informed by a safeguarding learning and development audit undertaken within LSAB member organisations across the 4 LSAB area and covering over 30,000 staff.
- e) Introduction of the Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager (DASM) role within HSAB member organisations and creation of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight wide DASM Network to support and develop good practice.
- f) Briefings and learning events held on the new Statutory Safeguarding Framework across a wide range of sectors including Adult Services,

Hampshire Constabulary, Independent Providers, Voluntary Sector Organisations and District and Borough Councils.

- g) Implementation of the Safeguarding Organisational Self Audit process (akin to the children's sector Section 11 audit) to support the development of adult safeguarding arrangements in member organisations.
 - h) Review of the HSAB structure and governance arrangements resulting in the revision of the Memorandum of Agreement and creation of the Stakeholder Subgroup and Health Subgroup.
 - i) Strengthening of links with other strategic partnerships and plans including the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership, the PREVENT Board, Human Trafficking Partnership, HealthWatch and the Crisis Care Concordat.
 - j) Introduction of Stakeholder Events to support the development of the Strategic Plan and also engagement in the 'Sounding Board' initiative which uses a citizen panel model for gaining feedback.
 - k) Publication of a range of HSAB information leaflets and continued development of the HSAB Website to promote awareness of abuse, keeping safe and how to report concerns and joint work with Hampshire County Council on the 'Engaging Hampshire Communities' initiative aimed at promoting wide awareness of adult safeguarding concerns.
- 4.3 The report provides an overview of adult safeguarding activity during the period in which reporting trends are analysed and also includes a summary of the learning gained from multi-agency reviews of cases where there have been poor outcomes for service users. No statutory safeguarding adult reviews (previously 'serious case reviews') were carried out during the period covered by the report. However, since April 2015, the HSAB had commissioned a safeguarding adult review which is currently in progress.
- 4.4 The report provides an overview of HSAB's activity over the past year and highlights the progress achieved against the key priorities and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan and supporting business plan. Further actions planned for the current year, 2015/16 are also included. The current Strategic Plan can be viewed on the HSAB Website via www.hampshiresab.org.uk
- 4.5 The annual report highlights the significant progress made by the HSAB and its partners in strengthening local safeguarding arrangements in response to the introduction of the new statutory adult safeguarding framework. HSAB partner agencies have responded to these changes and a number have made fundamental changes to organisational structures and allocation of resources to support safeguarding work both within their own agencies as well as across the local safeguarding system as a whole.
- 4.6 The Board has continued to benefit from the excellent commitment and engagement of partner agencies in the strategic development of adult safeguarding locally. Through its focus on the development of sector based

networks, the Board has successfully engaged with a wide range of stakeholders and organisations which may not previously have had an opportunity to influence the work of the Board.

5. Future direction

5.1 HSAB's two year plan covering 2014/16 will conclude in April 2016. At this point, the HSAB will be working with partners and stakeholders to develop a new three year Strategic Plan which will be supported by a business plan with a rolling set of priorities. Stakeholder events will be held early in 2016 to gain feedback from the public, service users, grass roots organisations and partners about the key issues within adult safeguarding to which they feel HSAB should be responding.

6. Recommendations

5.1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the HASB Annual Report.

5.2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the progress and achievements the HSAB has made regarding the transition to a statutory Board and in delivering its strategic priorities and objectives as outlined in its Strategic Plan.

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):	
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.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- a) Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action.
- b) Local authority statutory adult safeguarding duties apply equally to those adults with care and support needs regardless of whether those needs are being met, regardless of whether the adult lacks mental capacity or not, and regardless of setting, other than prisons and approved premises where prison governors and National Offender Management Service (NOMS) respectively have responsibility. Statutory safeguarding duties are engaged when an adult who has needs for care and support and is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect and as a result of those care and support needs, is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

- c) The HSAB has an assurance and oversight role of local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements and has put in place a multi-agency adult safeguarding policy and guidance. This provides a consistent framework across the Hampshire area to ensure adults at risk are safeguarded from abuse, neglect and exploitation. This activity ensures that local people are able to access support to maintain their wellbeing, good health, safety, good quality of life, dignity and respect and choice and control, thus ensuring their human rights are respected and upheld.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 The HSAB seeks assurance that local agencies are working effectively together to support adults with care and support needs to live safely in their communities. Local safeguarding arrangements focus on ensuring that adults with care and support needs who are at risk of abuse or neglect, are able to access mainstream community safety and crime prevention measures as well as the same criminal justice and victim support services as the rest of the population.

3. Climate Change:

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

No impact has been identified

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

No impact has been identified