

ADULT CARE & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 22

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Safeguarding Adults at Risk		
Date of Meeting:	24.09.12		
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Services/Lead Commissioner People		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Brighton & Hove City Council Adult Social Care is the statutory lead for the co-ordination of work for safeguarding adults at risk from abuse and harm. If there is a concern or an allegation made that an adult at risk may have been harmed, the lead role of co-ordinating the investigation rests with Adult Social Care.
- 1.2 This report shows the Safeguarding Adults Board's annual report for 2011-12, outlining the work carried out during that time, a progress report of the Board, and agreed actions for 2012-13. This is a yearly progress report, and is published on the City Council website, and circulated to all member organisations of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the safeguarding work carried out in 2011-12, and the work planned for 2012-13.
- 2.2 That the Committee agree the report for circulation.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Annual Report is set out in Appendix 1.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board has representation from all statutory organisations, and representation from local people, groups and organisations who have an interest in safeguarding issues for adults at risk.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 Safeguarding work is supported through and integrated within the budgets for adult social care and partner organisations. There are potential resource implications from the statutory duties within the Care and Support Bill which will need to be assessed and reflected in budget planning.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 05/09/12

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no specific legal or Human Rights Act implications arising from this report which is for noting. The work and practice of the Local Authority as Safeguarding Lead as reported in the Annual Report is informed by and in the context of its statutory duties to vulnerable adults.

Lawyer Consulted: Sandra O'Brien

Date: dd/mm/yy

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out for safeguarding work. Any actions from the assessment have been included in the work completed in 2011-12 and in the work planned for 2012-13.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 Vulnerable people can be subject to financial abuse, physical abuse and sexual violence, which are all forms of abuse that are reported to Adult Social Care, and Adult Social Care will co-ordinate the investigations, in conjunction with the police.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Safeguarding adults is a key role for Adult Social Care in ensuring that the most vulnerable people are able to live safely. Failure to manage this responsibility well puts individuals at risk as well as exposing the local authority to risk and challenge.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 Vulnerable people have an increased likelihood of having complex health needs, which if not delivered adequately could lead to significant harm. Safeguarding work aims to prevent the likelihood of harm through neglect, and to investigate it if harm has occurred.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.8 Safeguarding work is carried out with adults at risk across the City.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 Safeguarding is a core statutory responsibility and it is important that there is good monitoring and oversight of performance, and that this is presented publicly each year.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To ensure the Adult Care & Health Committee has an overview of safeguarding performance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2011-12

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. Sussex Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding Adults at Risk