



Although a formal committee of the city council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Health Watch. Papers come from a variety of sources. The format for Health & Wellbeing Board papers is consequently different from papers submitted to the city council for exclusive city council business.

1. Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015/16

- 1.1. The contents of this paper can be shared with the general public.
- 1.2. This paper is for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting on 31 January 2017.
- 1.3. Author of the Paper and contact details
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2. Summary

- 2.1 Provide a short summary of the paper
This is the annual report of the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board for 2015/16. It outlines the work of the Board during this period to achieve its strategic plan, and how partner agencies have implemented the strategy and worked together to improve the safety of adults at risk of harm and abuse, and it sets out future priorities. It also provides data on the number, type, source and demography of safeguarding referrals, and the outcomes of subsequent investigations.



3. Decisions, recommendations and any options

3.1 That the Health and wellbeing Board notes the safeguarding work carried out in 2015/16, and the priorities for 2016/17.

3.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board agree the report for circulation.

4. Relevant information

On April 2015 the Care Act came into force, making Safeguarding Adults Boards statutory, with 3 statutory member organisations, Police, Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Local Authority. A requirement under the Care act is for Safeguarding Adult Boards to produce a yearly progress report, so this annual report is the first statutory annual report.

Brighton & Hove City Council Adult Social Care is the statutory lead for the co-ordination of work for safeguarding adults at risk from harm and abuse. If there is a concern or an allegation made that an adult at risk may be being harmed, the lead role for co-ordinating any enquiry into this rests with Adult Social Care.

The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board is multi agency with representation from all statutory organisations, and representation from local groups and organisations who have an interest in safeguarding issues for adults at risk. The Board is co-ordinated by Adult Social Care, and the Board takes a strategic lead in planning work to ensure vulnerable citizens are safeguarded from harm, abuse or exploitation.

The SAB has a strategic role that is greater than the sum of the operational duties of the core partners. It oversees and leads adult safeguarding across the locality and will be interested in a range of matters that contribute to the prevention of abuse and neglect.

The Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report outlines work carried out across the City during the period of 2015/16, and notes the priorities for 2016/17.

The report is published on the Brighton & Hove City Council website, and circulated to all member organisations of the Safeguarding Adults Board. When the Safeguarding Adults Board webpages go live it will be published there also.



4. Important considerations and implications

Legal

Under the Care Act Safeguarding Adults Boards are a statutory requirement. The overarching purpose of an SAB is to help and safeguard adults with care and support needs. It does this by assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance. The SAB should lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its locality and oversee and coordinate the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies. SABs have three core duties. They must develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute; publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been; and commission safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria for these. and must produce a yearly progress report. Statutory guidance requires the annual report to detail what the SAB 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 or any ongoing reviews.

Natasha Watson 19.01.17

4.2 Finance

The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board received income from the Local Authority (£16k), Sussex Police (£10k) and Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (£12k). These contributions, totalling £38k, cover the modest running costs of the board and do not provide any capacity to develop the board's function and profile.

This funding is assumed going forward.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton Date: 18/01/2017

4.3 Equalities

There are no specific equalities issues for the HWB in relation to this report. An Equality Impact assessment has been carried out for



safeguarding work. Positive joint working in this area will ensure that the most vulnerable citizens are supported to access the justice system, and will improve prevention of harm and abuse.

4.4 Sustainability

There are no sustainability issues for the HWB in relation to this report.

4.5 Health, social care, children's services and public health

5 Supporting documents and information

Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adult Board annual report 2014/15.