

Meeting: Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee

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Title: Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The SAB annual report is now finalised and ready for publication. It will be published on both Northumberland and North Tyneside SAB websites imminently.

The report is usually seen by the Adult Social Care Health and Wellbeing Sub Committee prior to publication but due to agenda timing issues in conjunction with the finalising of the report, on this occasion publication will happen before the report is presented to Committee. The matter is on the Committee agenda for January 2020. It is important with a Joint Board that both Authority's publish at the same time.

2. Introduction

The plan follows the six key principles of safeguarding

Key issues in the report:

There has been an increase in concerns and enquiries from the previous year. This reflects a change in recording where safeguarding concerns received are reported without a pre-screening. They are then triaged prior to commencing an enquiry. Analysis of this identifies that many reports of safeguarding do not meet the threshold for safeguarding and are often a request for support or assessment. 78% of enquiries had risk identified and action taken, 4% of enquiries ceased at individual's request and 84% of enquiries involved a source of risk known to the individual. 49 % of cases of abuse occurred in the persons own home.

There is work to do around making safeguarding personal in terms of:

- a) Ensuring we understand and document what outcomes the individual wants from the process and,
- b) Ensuring that appropriate advocacy is involved where a person lacks capacity

The report highlights that this is an issue for both Local Authorities and reflects a regional focus.

We have started some multi agency case audits to identify how well we are managing this.

Development of the MASGH arrangements, developing responses to Modern day Slavery, County Lines and Sexual Exploitation and scrutinising safeguarding through a poverty lens were key areas of focus for the Board.

A range of activities and conferences took place to raise the public and professional awareness of Safeguarding in September 2018.

Within this timeframe the Board was delighted to welcome 2 lay members who bring a unique perspective to discussions

The LD forum in Northumberland is working with the Board to develop an easy read version of this report, which was an issue raised by the Adult Social Care Health and Wellbeing sub-committee last year.

The report also provides a summary of Safeguarding Adult Reviews, none of which relate to North Tyneside residents. We have however disseminated the lessons learned to staff and at Corporate Assurance Group and Safeguarding and Education Board

All of the decisions made by the Safeguarding Adult Review Committee were peer reviewed by Sunderland to ensure rigour in decision making

Training has continued to be a high priority for the SAB and both Authorities.

Priorities for current year

- Transitional safeguarding arrangement
- Early identification and prevention of Domestic abuse
- Focus on criminal exploitation
- Making safeguarding personal

3. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

None identified

4. Appendices

- North Tyneside and Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-2019
- Appendix to the Annual Report – Partner Reports