

Health & Wellbeing Board

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Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2015-2016

Recommendations

1. The Health & Well Being Board are invited to comment on the Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board's refreshed Strategic Plan (Appendix.1) and its Annual Report for 2015-2016 (Appendix.2).
2. The Health & Well Being Board are requested to note the engagement of Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership to raise safeguarding awareness amongst seldom-heard/hard to reach communities.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 The Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board is required to produce an annual report which summarises its activity and achievements over the financial year against its strategic priorities.
- 1.2 The Board is required to engage with and consult the local community on the development of the Annual Report and Strategic Plan to inform future priority areas of work.
- 1.3 This report presents the refreshed Strategic Plan and the 2015-2016 Annual Report of the Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

2.0 Options and Proposal

- 2.1 Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board was placed on a statutory footing with effect from 1 April 2015 under the Care Act 2014 with the overarching objective of making sure that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area who have care and support needs; and who may be at risk of, or experiencing abuse and/or neglect.
- 2.2 The work of Warwickshire Safeguarding Adult's Board aligns directly with the some of the outcomes and sub-outcomes set out within the Health & Well Being Strategy for 2014-2018. The Board's refreshed strategic priorities support the delivery of the following areas in particular:

- Supporting those young people who are most vulnerable and ensure their transition into adulthood is positive
- Providing additional support to other vulnerable groups of people
- Working in partnership with our communities to build capacity and support them to increase their resilience, enabling them to better care for themselves within the community
- Empowering individuals and communities to take control and responsibility for their own and the community's health and wellbeing
- Ensuring infrastructure, public services and resources are effective, accessible and tailored to those communities that need it the most
- Facilitating communities to expand social capital and neighbourliness, building and increase in resilience
- Improving data sharing, IT infrastructure and health and social care governance
- Improving partnerships across the wider social determinants of health

2.3 The Annual Report provides an overview of the Board's priorities and reflects on performance against these during the course of 2015-2016. This year's report has been re-designed to improve the reader experience and include real-life case studies presenting evidence of the impact of safeguarding work undertaken across Warwickshire.

2.4 Key areas of work during 2015-2016 have centred on

- Ensuring the Board's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are reflective of the requirements of the Care Act 2014, enabling staff within all partner agencies to work to an appropriate and consistent policy context.
- Providing opportunities for multi-agency learning and improvement through the annual training programme.
- Improving community involvement in reviewing the Board's Strategic Plan
- Overseeing the implementation of the principles of 'Making Safeguarding Personal'.

2.5 Making Safeguarding Personal presents a shift in culture and practice ensuring the individual at the centre of a safeguarding concern is engaged from the outset, throughout the safeguarding process to identify their desired outcomes.

2.6 To this extent, the Board has continued to seek assurance from partners on the engagement of individuals experiencing abuse or neglect. Of the 87 adults in 2015-2016 who were subjected to a safeguarding referral and support, 94% were able to express their desired outcomes and 77% expressed they had been fully supported to achieve their desired outcomes.

2.7 The refreshed Strategic Plan presents a set of priorities which drives the work of the Board moving forward, ensuring the work continues to be relevant to the strategic safeguarding challenges and opportunities facing Warwickshire.

2.8 This year, the development of the Annual Report has enabled the Board to engage with local community groups to consult on the content of the report and identify areas of improvement. A number of enhancements to future reporting and engagement have been noted and will now help to inform future work priorities for the Board.

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

3.1 The refreshed Strategic Plan was published in July 2016 and the Annual Report is due to be published early November 2016.

Background papers

N/a

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