

Health and Well Being Board

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Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017-2018

Recommendation

1. The Health and Well Being Board receive Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) Annual Report for 2017-2018 and note the progress it has made against its strategic priorities.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 The Care Act 2014 requires each Safeguarding Adults Board to publish an annual report, which forms the basis for its consultation on the strategic plan for the coming year.
- 1.2 The report is a key tool to promote the work of Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board with the public and other local multi-agency partnerships, as well as raising the profile of safeguarding adults in its area. It is the main means of demonstrating achievements and ensuring accountability to safeguarding partners.
- 1.3 By statute, the Board is required to share the Annual Report with the following offices, as well as its members and wider public:
 - The Chief Executive and Leader of the Local Authority which established the SAB
 - Any local policing body that is required to sit on the SAB
 - The local Healthwatch organisation
 - The chair of the local Health and Wellbeing Board

2.0 Content and Outcomes

- 2.1 The 2017-2018 Annual Report presents an overview of the performance of member agencies and how effectively they have worked together to deliver the Board's strategic priorities.
- 2.2 It illustrates how individuals have been supported by different agencies to safeguard them from further/potential abuse or neglect.
- 2.3 In 2017-2018, Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board accomplished a number of key priorities:

- The launch of a new independent website, which now provides a single point of reference for people to access information pertinent to safeguarding adults and children
- Extension of the Board membership to include the local Advocacy service to represent the voice of service users which helps inform future safeguarding policies and practices
- Commissioned the delivery of community workshops to help promote awareness, understanding and confidence in the use of safeguarding processes to help safeguard individuals who may be at risk of, or experiencing abuse or neglect.
- Continued to scope Safeguarding Adults Reviews to identify the lessons that can be learned from particularly complex or serious safeguarding adults cases and how these may inform changes in practice and procedures.
- Undertook development work commissioned by lead agencies with the Safeguarding Children Board on the integration of Board business and budgets to achieve more cost effective and efficient outcomes.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The Annual Report has now been published on the Safeguarding Warwickshire website and distributed amongst partner organisations for wider circulation.
- 3.2 Members are asked to note that with the publication of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, there is potential for significant change in policy and practice as well as the scrutiny of multi-agency services provided to safeguard children and, whilst not directly impacting upon the Safeguarding Adults Board and its statutory functions under the Care Act, any changes agreed by the safeguarding Partners (Police, Health and Local Authority) will have implications for the SAB and its functioning.

Background Papers

1. WSAB Annual Report 2017-2018

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