

# Health and Wellbeing Board

11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Warwickshire Safeguarding Boards Annual Reports 2018-2019

### Recommendation

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board receive the 2018-2019 Annual Reports for Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board and Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board and note the progress they have made against their respective strategic priorities.

### 1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 Both Safeguarding Boards are required to produce and publish an annual report in accordance with the statutory requirements governing their establishment i.e. The Care Act 2014 (Adults) and Working Together 2015 (Children).
- 1.2 The Boards are required to share their reports with the following offices, including its members and wider public:
  - Leader of the Local Authority and the Chief Executive, reflecting the fact that they are responsible for establishing the Boards
  - Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
  - Clinical Commissioning Groups
  - The Chair of the Local Health and Wellbeing Board
  - The Local Healthwatch (WSAB only)

### 2.0 Options and Proposal

- 2.1 The annual reports provide a high level overview of key performance data in relation to safeguarding children and adults, details of work undertaken against each of their respective priorities and learning and improvement work conducted throughout the course of the year.
- 2.2 During the period of this report considerable amount of time and effort was spent on developing our response to the government's request that safeguarding children's boards redesign their partnership arrangements. In Warwickshire we were eager to take advantage of this opportunity to enable us to develop a streamlined approach to safeguarding that would incorporate both adults and children's safeguarding partnerships. We are delighted to have submitted our proposal to the Department of Health on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- 2.3 Moving forward, with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board and Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board

will be known as Warwickshire Safeguarding and will operate within a new governance structure. This will be led by an Executive Board who will have overarching responsibility for overseeing the coordination of local work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults; and to ensure the effectiveness of what the member organisations do individually and together.

- 2.4 The focus of this work will centre on seeking assurance on the effectiveness of safeguarding practice against the following strategic priorities which have now been agreed for Warwickshire Safeguarding:
- Effective Safeguarding - core safeguarding practice is effective in keeping children, young people and adults safe
  - Prevention & Early Intervention – Early help support is timely and effective and referral pathways are clear and accessible; and prevention work is person-centred and empowers individuals to make appropriate choices and supports them to manage risks
  - Exploitation – safeguarding children, young people and adults from all forms of exploitation is effective and achieves good outcomes for individuals

### 3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 3.1 The Annual Reports will now be published on the Safeguarding Warwickshire website and distributed amongst partner organisation for wider circulation.

## Background Papers

1. Warwickshire Safeguarding Boards Annual Reports 2018-2019

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