

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

14 MARCH 2018

**REPORT OF SENIOR
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

TEESWIDE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD – ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) Annual Report for 2016-17 is presented to Council for information. The Annual Report details the achievements and future challenges of the TSAB. The Annual Report and 2017-18 Strategic Plan can be found at:

https://www.tsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/207956_Annual_Report_44pp_NOBLEED.2.pdf

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Spreads.pdf>

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That the 2016-17 Annual Report of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board be noted.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1. This report provides an overview of the work of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board. This illustrates the progress made over the past year, and sets out our ambitions for continued improvement.
- 3.2. The Board's overall approach is underpinned by the commitment to listen to the voices of those who use services to help shape our priorities. This report explains how this has been achieved, set out under each of the Board's five Strategic Aims.
- 3.3. The Board brings together four Local Authorities, health, police and a wide range of partners into a safeguarding network. By working in this positive, collaborative way we ensure resources are used as effectively as possible and limit duplication. We are beginning to see the benefits of sharing data and information, and in March 2017 published the first strategic overview of adult safeguarding. This gave evidence on the effectiveness of preventative strategies, and highlighted ways to improve reporting, especially from marginalised groups. By sharing and analysing this information we can better protect adults from abuse.
- 3.4. This has been a challenging year. In addition to adapting to the new legislative framework we have seen continuing austerity across the public sector, whilst demand and expectations increase. There has been a rise in concerns across the Tees area, which does not necessarily mean an increase in actual levels of abuse, but could be linked to our approach to raising awareness of safeguarding through locality events and media publicity campaigns.
- 3.5. The Annual Report provides feedback on the Board's 5 Strategic Aims, which were initially set for three years: 2015-18, and the 10 Objectives set within that framework for 2016-17. The work of the Sub-Groups over the last year is also outlined, as well as looking at future priorities.

3.6. **Positive Progress** The Board's statutory partners completed the Quality Assurance Framework over the last 12 months (pages 24 & 28), which is a significant milestone as adult safeguarding services have never been tested in this way across Tees before. Training provision has been expanded, and the analysis of Teeswide operational and SAR data is starting to help inform the approach in relation to preventative practice.

3.7. **Key Areas for Development** Further integration with other strategic bodies is still required, which includes improving the focus on community, harder to reach and marginalised groups. This overlaps with the continuing need to remove barriers to reporting, and ensure newer forms of abuse become more prominent in the work of Local Authority safeguarding teams (page 36).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. There are no new financial implications from this Report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. There are no new legal implications from this Report.

6. RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1. This issue is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

7. COUNCIL PLAN THEMES

7.1. The Report relates directly to the following Council Plan Themes:

- a. Protecting the vulnerable through targeted intervention.
- b. Promoting equality of opportunity through targeted intervention.
- c. Developing strong and healthy communities.

8. CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

8.1. The report has been considered by the Council's Leader and Chief Executive Officer. Additionally, the Independent Chair of the Board has presented the Annual Report to the Council's Health and Wellbeing Board.

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