

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**28 APRIL 2014**

### **REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE**

## **REPORT ON STOCKTON COUNCIL'S ADULT SAFEGUARDING PEER CHALLENGE 3-6 FEBRUARY 2014**

### **1. SUMMARY**

This report provides a summary of the review methodology and how initial feedback was reported to the Corporate Director.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the content of the report of the Peer Review Team (included as Appendix 1).

### **3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Review was undertaken over four days and focused on the outcome of people's experience of safeguarding.
- 3.2 The Review incorporated interviews with strategic partners, but due to the current work to develop a Tees-wide Statutory Safeguarding Adults Board, the strategic adult safeguarding arrangements and structures were not a major focus of the review.
- 3.3 Prior to the review taking place, a self-assessment document, with supporting evidence, was provided to the Peer Review Team.
- 3.4 The Peer Review Team was made up of the following members :

Martin Farran, Director of Adults & Communities, Barnsley Council;  
Councillor Alan Kerr, Deputy Leader of South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough;  
Ian Winter CBE, Associate LGA ;  
Ruth Allen, Director of Social Work, South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust ;  
Maria Gray, Detective Constable, Protection of Vulnerable Adults, Metropolitan Police ;  
Marcus Coulson, Challenge Manager, Local Government Association.

3.5 The team was on site from 3 – 6 February 2014 and met and spoke to a number of internal and external stakeholders including :

- Carrying out interviews and discussions with Councillors, Officers and Partners;
- Conducting focus Groups with Managers, Practitioners, Frontline Staff and people using Services and Carers;

*Please see Appendix 2 for full details of the Review timetable.*

3.6 Twenty-seven case files were subject to audit by the Team and feedback from the Reviewer was positive, including additional notes that he provided to us after the review.

3.7 An overview of the key findings of the review was provided in a presentation to the Council on the last day of the Review (6.2.14)

3.8 The attached report provides more detail in relation to this initial information.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable to this report.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable to this report.

#### **6. RISK ASSESSMENT**

Not applicable to this report.

#### **7. CONSULTATION**

The report has been presented to the Local Executive Group : Safeguarding Adults and to Cabinet.

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