

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board - Reporting Arrangements

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The DH Care and Support Statutory Guidance issued under the Care Act 2014, sets out the requirements for membership of Safeguarding Adults Boards and states that the following organisations **must** be represented:

- the local authority which set it up;
- the CCGs in the local authority area; and
- the chief officer of police in the local authority's area

It goes on to state that 'SABs may also include such other organisations and individuals as the establishing local authority considers appropriate having consulted its SAB partners from the CCG and police.' Whilst the guidance **does not set out any reporting arrangements for SABs**, it states that 'there may be effective links that can be made with related partnerships to maximise impact and minimise duplication and which would reflect the reality and interconnectivities of local partnerships.' It mentions in particular:

- Community Safety Partnerships;
- Local Children Safeguarding Boards;
- Health and Wellbeing Boards;
- Quality Surveillance Groups;
- Clinical Commissioning Group Boards; and
- Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSCs).

1.2 Although it is not a requirement, the guidance states that the local authority should consider appointing an Independent Chair to the SAB 'who is not an employee or a member of an agency that is a member of the SAB.' It further states that the Chair will **be accountable to the Chief Executive** of the local authority as the lead body responsible for establishing the SAB.'

1.3 The Independent Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board was appointed in December 2013 and took up the post in January 2014.

2. ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 The current Teeswide Safeguarding Inter-Agency Policy, which was agreed by the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) in September 2015 shows the accountability of the Board to the **Health and Wellbeing Board**.

- 2.2 The Terms of Reference and Governance Arrangements of the TSAB, dated September 2014, states that 'the TSAB is accountable for its work to its constituent agencies and to the **Overview and Scrutiny Committees of the four Councils.**'
- 2.3 The contractual arrangements of the Independent Chair of the TSAB state that the Chair 'on behalf of the TSAB is accountable to the Adult Services Lead' in Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. However this is in relation to the monitoring of the employment arrangement and **not** the work of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board.
- 2.4 It was agreed by the TSAB in May 2015 that the TSAB Independent Chair will:
- attend meetings of the Tees Valley Chief Executives Forum on a bi-annual basis for a specific agenda item
 - attend the Tees Valley DCS/DASS meetings bi-annually (together with the LSCB Chairs)
 - attend meetings of the four Health and Wellbeing Boards on a bi-annual basis; once to present the TSAB Annual Report and once to deliver a mid-year report
 - attend the four Adult Health Scrutiny meetings to present the TSAB annual report on an annual basis

3. REVIEW OF REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 These arrangements will be reviewed for effectiveness in September 2016.

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