

READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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REPORT TITLE:	SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (SAB) ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) must lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its authority and oversee and coordinate the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies.
- 1.2 The overarching purpose of a SAB is to safeguard adults with health and social care needs. It does this by: Assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place, as defined by the Care Act 2014, and statutory guidance; requiring that Local Authorities demonstrate that:
 - Safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused;
 - They are working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible;
 - Agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred;
 - Safeguarding practice is continuously improving;
 - The quality of life of adults in its area is enhanced.
- 1.3 The Annual Report 2020-21 presents what the SAB aimed to achieve on behalf of the residents of Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham during 2020-21. This is both as a partnership, and through the work of its participating partners. It provides a picture of who is safeguarded across the area, in what circumstance and why. It outlines the role and values of the SAB, its ongoing work and future priorities
- 1.4 Appendices to West of Berkshire SAB Annual Report 2020-2021:
 - Appendix A - Board member organisations
 - Appendix B - West of Berkshire SAB Structure Chart December 2021
 - Appendix C Achievements by partner agencies 2020-21
 - Appendix D - Business Plan 20 -21
 - Appendix E - SAB Business Plan 21-24 Published July 21
 - Appendix F - RBFT Safeguarding Mental Health LD Annual Report - 2020-21
 - Appendix F - West Berkshire Council Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2020-21
 - Appendix F - Wokingham Council Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2020-21
 - Appendix F - BHFT Safeguarding Annual Report 2020-2021
 - Appendix F - Reading Borough Council Safeguarding Annual Report 20-21

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 The SAB has a duty to develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how it will meet its objectives and how the partnership will contribute. The annual report (attached) details how effectively these have been met.

3.2 The priorities for 2020/21 were that:

- The SAB will continue to work on outstanding actions from the 2019/20 from the following priorities:
 - Priority 1 2019-20, We will provide the partnership with the tools and framework to work effectively with people who Self-Neglect
 - Priority 2 2019 -20, The SAB will work collaboratively with Local Safeguarding Children Boards, Community Safety Partnerships and Health and Wellbeing Boards to provide the workforce with the frameworks and tools to work with Vulnerable Adults who are at risk of Domestic Abuse.
 - Priority 3 2019-20, We will understand the main risks to our local population in regard to Targeted Exploitation and agree how best to equip the partnership to Safeguard vulnerable people against these risks.
 - Priority 4 2019- 20, The SAB will understand from key stakeholders, why there has been an increase in organisational safeguarding and seek assurance from commissioners, that there are adequate preventative measures in place that is consistent across the partnership where practical.
- The SAB will seek to understand the impact the pandemic has had on Adult Safeguarding locally.
- The SAB will continue to carry out the following business as usual tasks in order to comply with its statutory obligations.

3.3 The priorities for 2021/22 are that the SAB will focus on priorities that have been identified through Safeguarding Adult Reviews:

- To consider SAB learning in regard to self-neglect; to understand what more we need to do to ensure that our ways of working with people who are self-neglecting are consistent and effective in mitigating and preventing risks.
- To consider SAB learning in regard to pressure care management and understand what the partnership need to do to ensure that our way of working with people at risk of pressure sores is consistently of best practice standard.
- To consider SAB learning in regard to organisational safeguarding and identify what the partnership need to do to transform our way of working with provider agencies to promote and ensure good quality, safe and consistent standards of care.
- The SAB will continue to carry out the following business as usual tasks in order to comply with its statutory obligations.

4. THE PROPOSAL N/A

5. CONTRIBUTION TO READING'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 The SAB is a statutory function and has set priorities for 21/22 as detailed in section 3 of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There is no impact noted as a result of this report.

7. COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- 7.1 The SAB have a dedicated subgroup with representation from the voluntary care sector and HealthWatch across Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Not applicable

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. Not applicable

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Not applicable

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adult Report 2020/2021
- 11.2 Care Act 2014