

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ADULT CARE & HEALTH SERVICES

TO:	HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD		
DATE:	27 JANUARY 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	16
TITLE:	HIGHLIGHT REPORT - WEST OF BERKSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (SAB) ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Attached is the 2015/16 Annual Report of the West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) covering the local authority areas of Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire.
- 1.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to accept the report for information.
- 1.3 Appendix 1: West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board- Annual Report 2015/16

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board note and accept the report for information on a statutory requirement.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Safeguarding Adults Boards were established on a statutory basis under S43 of the Care Act 2014 and they are required to publish an annual report.
- 3.2 Safeguarding and protecting those that are most vulnerable is a key priority in the Council's Corporate Plan.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 **Current Position:** The trend analysis contained in the report highlights the year on year increase in the number of safeguarding concerns, with the majority of those concerns relating to older people over 65 years of age. For Reading has seen a rise in the number safeguarding concerns from 702 in 2014/15 to 1075 in 2015/16, an increase of 153% and 59% of all enquiries are for those aged 65 years or over.

A number of initiatives in the Reading area have contributed to how working together has made a difference, including:

- Working with Rahab to support the victims of modern day slavery
- World Café Planning with partners to obtain community views and ideas in relation to vulnerable and exploited individuals
- Multi-agency partnerships identify, health, housing and financial support to meet the needs of vulnerable people

Reading Borough Council's achievements include:

- Establish a new safeguarding team
- Increased the learning lunches and safeguarding workshops for staff and increased the amount of safeguarding training available
- Reduced the amount of outstanding DoLS and created a pathway for community DoLS

4.2 Options Proposed: to accept the content of the report and the progress being made.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 Although there are no specific decisions required as a result of the publication of the SAB Annual Report the work of the SAB does make a significant contribution to *promoting equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all* by working effectively in partnership with key stakeholders to try and prevent and respond to the abuse of people with care and support needs living in Reading. This work contributes to Community Safety and Health as a result of the multi-agency working and arrangements that are in place to protect people with care and support needs.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency arrangement and the Protocol that exist between it and the Health and Well-Being Board is such that the reporting of the Annual Report to the latter board is in itself part of the consultation arrangements that exist.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 The nature of safeguarding adult's arrangements both preventative and in responding to abuse, are such that it focusses upon reducing discrimination through combatting hate crime. The strategic arrangements as evidenced in the Annual Report actively tackle harassment, victimization and abuse.

7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not relevant to this matter.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 As stated earlier the SAB and the Annual Report enables Reading to meet its Statutory duty under the Care Act 2014

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no financial considerations in relation to this report

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 West of Berkshire SAB Annual Report 2015-16