

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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SAFEGUARDING ADULTS ANNUAL PLAN 2017-2018

Report of: Independent Chair of the North Tyneside and Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board.

Cabinet Member: Councillor Veronica Jones, Adult Care and Public Health

Purpose of report

This reported provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an further update on the strategic action plan for 2016/17 and outline the business priorities for 2017/18.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1) Note the contents of the report.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the Health and Well Being priority in the Corporate Plan.

Key issues

The attached annual plans describe the work planned by the North Tyneside and Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) in 2016/17 and the predicted work plan for the coming year 2017/18

Background

The County Council has strategic responsibility for overseeing multi-agency arrangements in its area for safeguarding adults at risk. This includes both arrangements for investigating and where necessary acting on referrals alleging that vulnerable adults are being abused or neglected, and wider arrangements for ensuring that the safety, independence and dignity of vulnerable adults are protected.

The Appendices fully describe the strategic priorities of the North Tyneside and Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board

Implications arising out of the report

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| Policy | Safeguarding arrangements in Northumberland are in line with Care Act 2015, and national policy statement on safeguarding adults issued in March 2015. |
| Finance and value for money | No direct implications |
| Human Resources | Safeguarding investigations can in some circumstances lead to disciplinary action against staff. Safeguarding training is mandatory for all staff working in adult services |
| Property | No direct implications |
| Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | This is an information report so does not require an EIA. Referrals statistics suggest that the gender and ethnic balance of safeguarding referrals broadly match those of the care management caseload |
| Risk Assessment | Management of risks in individual cases is a core element of safeguarding. Management of risks in commissioned services is a core role of contracting work. |
| Crime & Disorder | Northumbria Police are members of the Safeguarding Adults Board, and there is close joint working to ensure that prompt and appropriate action is taken where it is thought that a crime may have been committed. |
| Customer Considerations | There is a continuing need to keep under review the balance between maximising the control 'adults at risk' have over their support arrangements and ensuring that they are adequately protected from the risk of abuse or exploitation – although greater individual control can often also in itself be a means of reducing people's vulnerability. |
| Carbon reduction | No direct implications |
| Consultation | The Executive Member for Adult Care and Wellbeing has been consulted about this report. |
| Wards | All |

Background Papers

None

Appendices

1. Strategic Action Plan 2016/17.
2. Business Priorities 2017/18.

Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the

report.

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