



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 23rd January 2018

**To the Chair and Members of the
Health and Adults Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2016-17

| Relevant Cabinet Member(s) | Wards Affected | Key Decision |
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| Rachael Blake Lead Councillor for Safeguarding Adults | All | No |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board's objective is to ensure that local safeguarding arrangements and partnerships act to support and protect adults at risk or experiencing abuse and / or neglect. It aims to achieve those objectives whilst empowering individuals to maintain control over their lives and to make informed choices without coercion or duress.
2. The Care Act 2014 requires the Board to publish an annual report detailing what the Safeguarding Adult Board has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan and what each constituent has done to implement the strategy. The annual report will also set out the findings of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews completed during the year and the subsequent actions arising from the reviews. This is attached as Appendix A.

EXEMPT REPORT

3. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The Board receives and notes the progress achieved by the DSAB in relation to the Safeguarding Adults agenda and notes the information contained within it.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

5. The Care Act 2014 puts Safeguarding Adult Boards on a statutory footing as from 1st April 2015 and brings with it significant change for safeguarding adults practice. The Board and its partners have been working hard in Doncaster, alongside our regional partners to ensure systems, policies, procedures and assurance frameworks are aligned to the requirements of the Care Act so that adults at risk are safeguarded and receive the best service that is personal for them.

BACKGROUND

6. The Board has continued to pursue its engagement agenda with great focus through a 'Keeping Safe Campaign' helping communities to identify and respond to abuse and neglect. It has worked with the Doncaster Keeping Safe Forum, a community based forum that has been supported by the Board to grow in capacity and membership with the primary aim of getting the message out in Doncaster that abuse will not be tolerated.
7. During 2016 the Board requested a stocktake review be undertaken by Dr Adi Cooper from the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services to assess the Boards progress since the Peer Review undertaken in November 2015. The review proved positive overall with further recommendations identified to ensure the continuing development of the partnership.
8. The Board has continued to meet on a quarterly basis and has been well attended by a range of agencies with commitment to working in partnership to safeguard adults at risk. The Board held its annual away day in February to assess progress against its strategic objectives, refresh the strategic plan and revise the Board structure to ensure it is fit for the future. The day proved productive with a refreshed Strategic Plan 2016-19 outlining future direction.
9. The Board continues to pursue its strategic objectives through 2017-18 alongside the community of Doncaster to ensure that safeguarding is everyone's business.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

10. No options considered.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

11. No options considered

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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| | Outcomes | Implications |
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| | <p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs</i> | |

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| | <p><i>and Housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> | |
| | <p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> | <p>Doncaster services safeguarding adults at risk to lead safe and independent lives through empowerment, protection and prevention of abuse or neglect.</p> |
| | <p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> | |
| | <p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> | <p>Safeguarding Adult services considers a whole family approach to safeguarding situations.</p> |
| | <p>Council services are modern and value for money.</p> | |
| | <p>Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.</p> | <p>Safeguarding adults is a multi-agency partnership led approach to seeking resolution and recovery for adults at risk.</p> |

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. There are no specific risks or assumptions associated with this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The Care Act places a duty on the Safeguarding Adult Board to publish an annual report detailing what it has done during the year to achieve its main objective, implement its strategic plan and set out what each member has done to implement the strategy. It should also give detail regarding the findings of any safeguarding adult reviews and any subsequent action taken.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendation in this report. Details on the funding utilised in 2016/17 are provided in the Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016-17.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

12. Staff will be required to attend the relevant training from the training programme of classroom and eLearning which is planned for 2017-18 and the programme planned for 2018-19. The workforce strategy is to be agreed at the next Board and then embedded throughout 2018 onwards which incorporates core principles for safeguarding across Safeguarding Adults, Safeguarding Children and Domestic Abuse.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no technology implications with this decision.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

14. The work of the Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board needs to demonstrate due regard to all adults at risk across all groups in Doncaster through its Strategy.

CONSULTATION

15. Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Board members

BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. None

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