

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

**Doncaster Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2015-16**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
Glyn Jones 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 help and protect adults at risk or experiencing neglect and/or abuse. It aims to achieve those objectives whilst supporting individuals in maintaining control over their lives and in making informed choices without coercion.

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.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

2. N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. 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?**

4. 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

5. The Board has continued to pursue its engagement agenda with great focus through a 'Keeping Safe Campaign' helping communities to 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.

In addition the Board requested a Safeguarding Adults Peer Challenge which was undertaken in November 2015. The process identified a number of strengths and areas for development which are being responded to through a partnership action plan.

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 make sure it is fit for the future. The day was productive with a clear direction established and expressed in the new Strategic Plan 2016-19.

The Board are looking forward to pursuing their strategic objectives through 2016-17 and working in partnership with the community of Doncaster to ensure that **safeguarding is everyone's business**.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. No options considered

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

7. No options considered

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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

	<p><i>and Housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	
	<p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	<p>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"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	<p>Safeguarding Adults considers a holistic 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 for adults at risk.</p>

## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

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

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

12. There are no specific human resource implications associated with this report.

## **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

13. There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

## **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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