

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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**HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
2016-2017**

Report of Director of Adult Care Services

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the work of the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) during the period of April 2016 to March 2017

2. Summary

2.1 The HSAB Annual Report, as attached at Appendix A to this report, details the work completed by the HSAB and its subgroups during the financial year of 2016-17. The Annual report also details safeguarding activities and trends across the partnership and achievements of individual partner organisations.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board discuss and note the HSAB Annual Report, and take it into account in future discussions on safeguarding adults in Hertfordshire.
- 3.2 The HSAB welcome any feedback that could inform business planning or the content of next year's Annual Report.

4. Background

4.1 The overarching purpose of a Safeguarding Adult Board is to help and safeguard adults with care and support needs. It does this by:

- assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance.
- assuring itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused.
- working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible.
- ensuring agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred.
- assuring itself that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.

4.2 The Safeguarding Adult Board must lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its locality and oversee and coordinate the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies. This will require the Safeguarding Adult Board to develop and actively promote a culture with its members, partners and the local community that recognises the values and principles contained in 'Making Safeguarding Personal'. It should also concern itself with a range of issues which can contribute to the wellbeing of its community and the prevention of abuse and neglect, such as:

- the safety of people who use services in local health settings, including mental health
- the safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing
- effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason
- the quality of local care and support services
- the effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders
- making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse.

4.3 Safeguarding Adults Boards have three core duties. They must:

- develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute
- publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been
- commission safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria for these.

Report signed off by	HSAB Strategic Board
Sponsoring HWB Member/s	Colette Wyatt-Lowe, Sue Darker and Iain MacBeath
Hertfordshire HWB Strategy priorities supported by this report	Living and Working Well Ageing Well
Needs assessment (activity taken) Not Applicable	
Consultation/public involvement (activity taken or planned) Not Applicable	
Equality and diversity implications	The HSAB ensures that equality and diversity areas are an important part of

the work undertaken.

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