

# Report to Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee

11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Agenda Item: 9

# REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING AND INTEGRATION

# NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS WEEK EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

# **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report seeks approval of a series of events and communications planned for National Safeguarding Adults Week from 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## Information

# National Safeguarding Adults Week: 18th - 24th November 2019

- 2. Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB), along with many other SABs, will be running a series of events to coincide with Ann Craft Trust's National Safeguarding Adults Week.
- 3. Each day will focus on a different theme related to Safeguarding Adults as follows.

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Self-Neglect Workshop

This invite-only event aims to support frontline practitioners and other relevant and appropriate staff groups to use the recently launched <u>Nottingham and Nottinghamshire</u> <u>Safeguarding Adults at Risk Self-Neglect Advice and Toolkit.</u>

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – NSAB Partnership Event – focus on Safeguarding in Sports**This invite-only event will include Safeguarding Leads from Nottingham Forest and Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club speaking about the work they do regarding Safeguarding in Sport, and will feature the opportunity for NSAB members and partners to discuss how their organisations can support the work of the Board on Safeguarding in Sport.

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – NSAB Trainers' Forum – focus on Prevention

This invite-only event is for people who are responsible for delivering Safeguarding Adults training within their organisation. This Forum, held three times per year, will have a focus on the Board's Prevention Strategy, and will cover relevant topics to support attendees in including a prevention focus within their training offers.

# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Carers Event

This event will be open to members of the public and is aimed at informal, or unpaid carers, and what support is available to them in their caring role.

4. These events will provide targeted training, information and advice sessions to frontline staff, strategic partners and Board members, as well as the general public, including those performing an unpaid carer's role. This is in line with the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board's stated strategic aims of:

### Prevention

NSAB will develop and implement preventative strategies that seek to reduce incidence of abuse and neglect within Nottinghamshire.

# Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

NSAB will develop and embed an approach to its work that is person led. The Council will also support partners to develop processes which are person led, that mean they engage the adult (or their representative) in a conversation about how best to respond to individual safeguarding concerns.

#### Assurance

NSAB will develop and implement systems to assure itself that it and all partners have appropriate arrangements in place to safeguard those adults most at risk in Nottinghamshire.

These events are also in line with NSAB's Prevention Strategy by: having an educated and skilled workforce; continuing to raise awareness with the public about safeguarding; informing adults, carers and advocates of their rights to live a life free from abuse; by working in partnership; and learning from practice.

## **Communications**

- 5. It is proposed to use the week to highlight the services and support available for people who may be socially isolated or in some way at risk of adult abuse. Services like the Meals at Home Service, Connect and Age Friendly Nottinghamshire can help to link people into their local communities and keep them active, independent and safe.
- 6. The campaign will also highlight the importance of supporting family members, friends or neighbours who may be lonely or struggling with daily tasks.
- 7. The communications will involve media articles, social media, e-bulletins and the use of partner communications channels.

### **Other Options Considered**

8. No other options have been considered. The ones proposed represent the greatest reach of activities to take place during National Safeguarding Adults Week.

#### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. A number of documents have been published by Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board during this strategic period (2018-2021) and it is now timely to maximise the benefits of these by supporting workers, organisations and the public in raising awareness of, and implementing these documents, further supporting the work of NSAB.

# **Statutory and Policy Implications**

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

# **Financial Implications**

11. These events and communications are being funded by the NSAB budget, so there will be no financial implications for the Council.

### Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

12. The proposed events and communications will support staff, organisations and the general public in raising awareness of abuse, what they can do about it, and how to report it, as well as how to prevent instances of abuse and neglect in the future.

## **Implications for Service Users**

13. The proposed events will support staff in taking a preventative approach to safeguarding adults, thus removing or reducing instances of abuse and neglect within Nottinghamshire.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

1) That Committee approves the activities and communications planned for National Safeguarding Adults Week from 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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## **Constitutional Comments (AK 15/10/19)**

14. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee under its terms of reference.

## Financial Comments (DG 17/10/19)

15. These events and communications are being funded by the NSAB budget, so there will be no financial implications for the Council.

# **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

## Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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