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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR FOR THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work and progress of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board during the financial year 2015/16.

Information and Advice

2. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board is the statutory multi-agency group of senior managers from key organisations responsible for developing and implementing Nottinghamshire's strategy to safeguard adults at risk. Together, we are committed to preventing and reducing the incidence of abuse and neglect of people in need of care and support. We are committed to improving the outcomes for people when abuse or neglect has occurred. We are committed to the government's principles for safeguarding.
3. The work of the Board during 2015/16 focused on developing and implementing the board's first three year strategic plan, a new statutory requirement under the Care Act (2014). The priorities described in the plan are assurance, prevention and making safeguarding personal.
4. In year one of the plan, NSAB undertook work to seek assurance that partner agencies were 'care act compliant' and are pleased to report that all partners, including the local authority were able to evidence that this is the case.
5. The Board also developed a communication strategy to describe how it would engage with service users, the general public, elected members and staff to raise awareness of abuse and how to prevent it. Work was also undertaken to analyse management information, with the aim in years two and three of identifying those at greater risk sooner.
6. Making safeguarding Personal is the national work that seeks to personalise safeguarding work by putting the individual at the centre of the work we do when an individual is subject to abuse or neglect. During 2015/16 the Board began work on developing a 'competency and learning pathway' to ensure that all learning opportunities

across the County put making safeguarding personal at centre of the message it provided. The pathway was launched in 2016/17.

7. A members briefing was also delivered to help members understand what making safeguarding personal means for both the citizens of Nottinghamshire and the County Council.
8. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is a broad group of organisations, service users and carers that have an interest in adult safeguarding. The Partnership Board meets twice yearly and provides for a two way flow of information between NSAB and those organisations and individuals who are able to contribute to the safeguarding agenda.
9. Our two events for the year 2015/16 focused on prevention and making safeguarding personal including the fire service's fatal fire protection protocol and safe and well checks along with information from Trading Standards relating to Financial Abuse and 'letterbox scams'. There was also an opportunity for partners to consider how well they are embedding making safeguarding personal across their own organisation.

Annual Report 2014/15 – Key Facts and Figures

10. As in previous years, NSAB has produced an annual report which is clear, concise, free from jargon and accessible to members of the general public. The [annual report in 2015/16](#) which is available on our website at www.safeguardingadultsnotts.org, is the first written as required by the Care Act (2014). For the first time, in addition to containing statistical and qualitative data on the performance of the Board and adult safeguarding, it includes information about how partners have worked towards implementing the Board's strategic Plan. Some of the headline data is set out below.

Referrals

12. In 2015/16, the upward trend in safeguarding referrals made to Nottinghamshire County Council continued with a total of 5,462 referrals being received. This is an increase of 279 referrals (6%) on 2014/15.

Referrals which led to further enquiries

13. The statistical returns provided to central government concentrate on those referrals which were assessed as requiring a safeguarding response and which led to safeguarding enquiries. In Nottinghamshire, 2,773 of the 5,462 referrals received in 2015/16 went on to safeguarding enquiries. The number of referrals meeting the threshold for an enquiry rose by 516. Increasing the number of appropriate safeguarding referrals is one measure of the success of the Board's strategic Plan and so this rise is seen as positive.

Other Options Considered

16. This report is for information only and there are no other options considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

17. This report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work carried out by NSAB.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the contents of this report and the work of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

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Constitutional Comments (LMcC 23/01/17)

16. The report for the Adults Safeguarding is for noting only and does not require legal comments.

Financial Comments (KAS 20/01/17)

17. There are no financial implications contained within the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- [Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015-16](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- 'All'

See also Chair's report:

Item 54: [Safe later lives: older people & domestic abuse](#)