

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (SAB) ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

To Health and Wellbeing Board

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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 Presentation of the 2014/15 Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Annual Report provides a background to adult safeguarding work in Cambridgeshire and a summary of the work undertaken by the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and Adult Safeguarding Team within the period April 2014 to March 2015. The Annual Report (attached as Appendix A) is presented as a draft report because this report had to be submitted for the Health and Wellbeing Board a week before it was presented to the Safeguarding Adults Board for final approval.

2.2 In the coming year the Care Act will make significant changes that will have an effect on all Safeguarding Boards across the Country. Cambridgeshire's SAB is proactive and forward thinking in its approach to these changes. Through its strong partnership working the Board is committed to having the processes and systems to ensure that the SAB's remit and function match the requirements set out in the new legislation.

2.3 For example:

- The SAB has agreed its guidance for Multi Agency Safeguarding Reviews of Serious Cases (SARs)
- Guidance has been agreed on the new role of the Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager (DASM) ensuring that all allegations against staff working with adults in Cambridgeshire are managed consistently.

2.4 This year the SAB has reviewed its current working arrangements and identified the need to consider having an Independent Chair as this would ensure that the Board is well placed both to hold each partner to account for its own safeguarding arrangements and ensure partners are working together to promote the wellbeing of those adults at risk of abuse and neglect.

2.5 The report also highlights the achievements made by our partners represented on the Board, for example:

- Healthwatch Cambridgeshire: are fully involved with the Safeguarding Adults Board and with the network group (representatives for service users, carers and the wider public) attending the Board and working with us to devise ways in which service users and the wider general public can have a voice in safeguarding;

including how the process works, but much more importantly about how we can understand and learn from people's experiences and what helps them stay safe.

- The Fire Service: having identified residents that have hoarding behaviours and are at risk of being injured or dying as a result of fire is working closely with the SAB and housing partners to produce a Multi-Agency Hoarding Protocol.

2.6 Whilst the Board is not complacent about the need to continue the development of our approach and responses to safeguarding adult issues, this report evidences the commitment and strength of the partnership working in Cambridgeshire.

2.7 Finally thanks must go to all staff (including volunteers) across Cambridgeshire, through their hard work, skillful intervention, commitment and courage that has resulted in positive outcomes for a large number of adults at risk, their families and carers.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 This has been a significant year for safeguarding adults. The Care Act 2014 received royal assent in 2014 placing safeguarding adults on a statutory framework for the first time from 1 April 2015.

3.2 The Care Act now requires all local authorities to review their guidance to ensure that it is linked to the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) and linking this to changes being made across the adult social care sector at both regional and national level, ensuring that appropriate responses are made when a concern is raised which may not need to be dealt with under the safeguarding process. Information would still need to be collected, but the response may be different as we focus more on what the service user wants as an outcome.

3.3 The most commonly reported type of abuse continues to be physical abuse (48%) which has been consistently high over the past three years. This is one of the easiest forms of abuse to identify and is commonly the type of abuse in situations where one service user has hit out at another service user.

3.4 The Board will continue to monitor these figures and other management information as we develop the new guidance ensuring that Making Safeguarding Personal is enshrined throughout the safeguarding process and the establishment of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) that will triage referrals.

4.0 LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015/16

4.1 The SAB will focus on a number of key areas during the year including:

- A training strategy for safeguarding and mental capacity work which meets the needs of the social care and health workforce, enabling a better understanding of the decision making process in safeguarding whilst taking into account the legal requirements of the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.
- Introduce changes to practice, procedures and training to support the implementation of the Making Safeguarding Personal approach

- Working with colleagues from Cambridge University to evaluate how Making Safeguarding Personal is embedded within our day to day safeguarding work
- Developing understanding about how to respond to people who self-neglect
- Closer collaboration with the LSCB with regard to:
 - Safer recruitment
 - Working collaboratively to support young people who may need to be safeguarded as they reach 18.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Members of the Board are invited to:

- (i) comment on the Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Adults Board 2014-15 Annual Report
- (ii) consider an area(s) of work for 2015/16, set out in section 4 above, that the Board Members would like further information about through an update report later in the financial year.

Source Documents	Location
Terms of reference and annual reports for Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Adults Board	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/147/cambridgeshire_safeguarding_adults_board