

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 25th January 2022

Agenda item:

Wards:

Subject: Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report

Lead officer: Aileen Buckton, Independent Chair, Merton Safeguarding Adults Board

Lead member: Councillor Rebecca Lanning, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Forward Plan reference number:

Contact officer: Janet Miller, Business Manager, Merton Safeguarding Adults Board

Recommendations:

- A. To consider and approve Merton Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for the period 2020-2021
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide information and account of the Safeguarding Adults Board's activity for the year period in line with its Business Plan and set objectives for that year prior to the report's publication.

2 BACKGROUND

The Safeguarding Adults Board has three core duties to:

1. Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute
2. Publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been
3. Commission safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) for any cases, which meet the criteria for these.

3 DETAILS

The Care Act 2014 states that the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report must be sent to:

- the Chief Executive and Leader of the local authority which established the SAB
- any local policing body that is required to sit on the Safeguarding Adults Board
- the local Healthwatch organisation

- the Chair of the local Health and Wellbeing Board. As soon as is feasible after the end of each financial year, a SAB must publish a report on:
- what it has done during that year to achieve its objective,
- what it has done during that year to implement its strategy,
- what each member has done during that year to implement the strategy,
- the findings of the reviews arranged by it under section 44 (safeguarding adults reviews) which have concluded in that year (whether or not they began in that year),
- the reviews arranged by it under that section which are ongoing at the end of that year (whether or not they began in that year),
- what it has done during that year to implement the findings of reviews arranged by it under that section, and
- where it decides during that year not to implement a finding of a review arranged by it under that section, the reasons for its decision.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

N/A

5 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

Individual partner agencies to the Safeguarding Adults Board have submitted their accounts, which have informed the collective report. (Individual agency reports can be accessed via the Annual Report). The report has been presented and accepted / signed off by members of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

6 TIMETABLE

As indicated.

7 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

None

8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in report

9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in the report

10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in the report

11 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The impact of COVID 19 as well as the pandemic recovery on adult safeguarding remains a particular focus. This is featured on pages 25-27 of the report. COVID 19 impact is also detailed in our board risk assessment and action plans for each sub group. New Strategic Priorities, setting out our four key objectives for 2021/2024 are detailed on page 41-42 of the report.

Information relating to Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR's) is featured on page 40 of the report.

12 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

APPENDIX 1 - Safeguarding Adult Board Annual report 2020/2021

13 BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

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