

## Wiltshire Council

### Health and Wellbeing Board

26 September 2024

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**Subject:** Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership (SVPP) Annual Report 2023-2024.

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#### **Executive Summary**

- I. This is the annual report of the SVPP for 2023-2024. The SVPP are the multiagency safeguarding arrangements for Wiltshire. These arrangements are a statutory requirement under Children Act 2004 and in Wiltshire bring together the work and governance of the safeguarding adult partnership the children's partnership and the community safety partnership.

#### **Headlines:**

- Recruitment of an independent scrutineer who has scrutinised the progress against our strategic priorities, including:
  - Domestic Abuse – time of sight has improved visibility of the system response to DA and our ability to hold partners to account where improvement is needed and development of a Strategic Improvement Plan for MARAC
  - Continued focus on safeguarding unborn babies and under 1s with a BSW virtual summit, BSW wide policies and commissioning of ICON programme to prevent abusive head trauma (led by the ICB)
  - Focus on transitional safeguarding

In addition:

- Mapping of activity in relation to violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Responding to new statutory requirements set out in Working Together 2023, including ensuring strategic education representation
- Response to a significant increase in referrals for case reviews, particularly for safeguarding adult reviews, and sharing learning effectively
- Publication of two Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Embedding the programme of safeguarding walkabouts as part of our assurance activity

#### **Key work for 2024-2025**

- Review of strategic priorities
- Improve how voice and lived experience informs our work
- Strengthen our work on perpetrators through the Perpetrator and Offending subgroup
- Develop our understanding of and response to adult exploitation

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#### **Proposal(s)**

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It is recommended that the Board:

- i. Notes the publication of the SVPP Annual Report
- ii. Agrees to support the work of the SVPP

**Reason for Proposal**

The work of the SVPP is directly related to improving health and wellbeing outcomes for children and vulnerable adults across the county

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