

## **Wiltshire Council**

### **Health and Wellbeing Board 13 July 2017**

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#### **Subject: Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report**

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##### **Executive Summary**

The Care Act 2014 set out a legal framework for how Wiltshire Council and its partners should protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect. Under this framework Safeguarding Adults Boards were established to bring together the local authority, NHS and police, to develop, share and implement a joint safeguarding strategy.

Protecting the most vulnerable in our communities is a priority for all of Wiltshire's public agencies and our local Safeguarding Adults Board has an important role to play in helping agencies work collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect. Every Safeguarding Adult's Board has a statutory duty to publish an annual report and our Board's report for 2016-2017 reflects a continued focus on and progress towards achieving the Board's three key strategic priorities:

- Making Safeguarding Personal
- Prevention
- Improving Board Effectiveness

As partners re-examine multi-agency safeguarding operational arrangements to ensure they are as effective as possible, the Board's annual report provides an overview of work already being done by key agencies and wider partners to reduce and prevent abuse and neglect. As scope for a safeguarding adults multi-agency hub is explored the Board will work to support partners to achieve the best outcomes for adult at risk of abuse and neglect.

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

It is recommended that the Board:

- i) Notes the publication of the Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report
- ii) Agrees to support the work of the Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board
- iii) Advises the Chairman of the Board how members would like to be kept informed and involved in the work of the Board

##### **Reason for Proposal**

The work of Wiltshire's Safeguarding Adults' Board is directly related to improving health and wellbeing outcomes for vulnerable adults across the county

**Richard Crompton**  
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**Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board**