

Wiltshire Council

Health Select Committee

24 April 2018

Subject: Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) – update to members of the Health Select Committee

Executive Summary

The Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory function. Its role is to:

- assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance.
- assure itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused.
- work collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible.

During 2017-2018 Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board has focused on reviewing the multi-agency local safeguarding adults system by:

- Carrying out two independent Safeguarding Adults Reviews after receiving referrals regarding two adults at risk in the county who died (in unrelated circumstances), to learn how partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect those adults
- Undertaking a self-assessment audit of our Board members and identifying areas where we can improve the way local organisations work together
- Examining local data and to seek reassurance from those organisations that practice is continually improving to protect adults at risk
- Meeting with service users and carers through our reference groups to learn from their experience
- Discussions at Board Meetings and with key partners about how changes to legislation, to demand on our member agencies and to service delivery are impacting on how effectively our members can work together

The Chair of the WSAB is attending the Health Select Committee on 24 April to provide members with an update on:

- Two Safeguarding Adults Reviews the Board has undertaken
- How the learning from those reviews will help us more effectively safeguard vulnerable adults in the future
- The Board's business plan for 2018-2019

Proposal(s)

It is recommended that the Health Select Committee:

- i) Notes the outcome of the 2018 Safeguarding Adults Reviews relating to Adult A and to Adult B
- ii) Asks the WSAB to ensure that the recommendations of the two SARs and the learning from these reviews are shared and effect change across local organisations
- iii) Supports the work WSAB are doing to effect change where necessary through its own work
- iv) Acknowledges the aims of the WSAB's business plan for 2018-2019 and continues to support the work of the Board to safeguard vulnerable adults in Wiltshire

Reason for Proposal

The Board has a collective responsibility to ensure that its work effects change where necessary and improves outcomes for adults at risk in the county.

To effectively achieve this the Board asks members of the Health Select Committee to consider the work of the Board and the outcome of Safeguarding Adults Review in its own work to make sure that decisions are taken based on sound evidence and are in the best interests of vulnerable adults in Wiltshire.

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