

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.

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

- **Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR):** Carrying out a SARs after receiving a referral regarding an adult who died in the county. The review is focused on how partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult involved.
- **Quality Assurance:** Supporting the development of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub for adults, undertaking a peer assessment audit of our Board members
- **Voice and influence:** Meeting with service users and carers through our reference groups to learn from their experience
- **Prevention:** Disseminating learning from case reviews and development of relevant policies and procedures (Hoarding Protocol and Organisational Abuse Procedures)

The Chair of the WSAB is attending the Health Select Committee on 3rd March to provide members with an update on:

- The WSAB Strategic Plan 2019-2021
- Safeguarding Adults Reviews the Board has undertaken
- How the learning from those reviews will help us more effectively safeguard vulnerable adults in the future

Proposal

That the committee:

- a) Notes the outcome of the Safeguarding Adults Reviews relating to Adult E.
Full report is available on the WSAB website www.wiltshiresab.org.uk
- b) Asks the WSAB to ensure that the recommendations of the SAR E and thematic learning from case reviews and the learning are shared and effect change across local organisations www.wiltshiresab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SAR-Learning-Briefing-1.pdf
- c) Supports the work WSAB are doing to effect change where necessary through its own work
- d) Acknowledges the aims of the WSAB's Strategic Plan 2019 – 2021 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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