

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

9 February 2017

Subject: Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

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 (SABs) were established to bring together the local authority, NHS and police, to develop, share and implement a joint safeguarding strategy.

Continuing to improve safeguarding services to protect the most vulnerable in our communities is a priority in Wiltshire and a local Safeguarding Adults Board has existed since 2009. Wiltshire's SAB leads adult safeguarding arrangements across the area and oversees and coordinates the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies.

Safeguarding Adult's Boards have a statutory duty to publish annual reports and the Board's annual report for 2015-2016 reflects the first year in post for a new independent Chairman, Richard Crompton. The report also reflects the progress the Board made in 2015/16 to bring together wider partners and align priorities and action across those organisations to ensure the best possible outcomes for vulnerable adults.

During 2015/16 arrangements were put in place to increase the effectiveness of the Board which allowed 2016-2017 to mark a new phase of activity in line with the Board's new statutory role. As the Board develops plans for 2017/18 this annual report provides a summary of the Board's work and an opportunity for the Chairman to update the HWB on more recent progress and plans for the year ahead.

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 and, in particular, on the development and delivery on plans for 2017/18

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

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