

SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 12TH DECEMBER, 2016

SUBJECT

Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding (2015-16)

PURPOSE:

To receive the Annual Report and note its findings.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the Authority's adult safeguarding arrangements.

This Report relates to last financial year and summarises the national policy context of adult safeguarding at that time including the implications of the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014 and provides a variety of information including:

- Regional strategic position
- Operational arrangements
- Key achievements and significant events
- Key challenges and issues
- Quality assurance
- Partnership reports
- Performance and Activity Information

At the time of presenting this report, the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act has commenced and a Regional Safeguarding Adults Board has been established. This Board, chaired by the Strategic Director of People, Powys County Council is the lead body responsible for setting the strategic direction and governance arrangements for adult safeguarding in the County. The Board benefits from good strategic leadership and strong partnership arrangements. The Board has a zero tolerance approach to abuse. Every person has the right to live a life free from abuse and neglect, and it is everyone's business to ensure that we work together as a community to support and safeguard the most vulnerable in society.

From April 2016 as part of regional arrangements a new strategic plan will have to be developed. The challenges faced in the 2015-16 Annual Report were different as the threshold for what constituted a safeguarding issue was higher. However, looking to the future, we believe that in Carmarthenshire our arrangements have provided a solid foundation stone to prepare for new legislation and the future regional focus.

REASONS:

For the Committee's Information

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: **NO**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Social Care & Health Portfolio Holder)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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The purpose of this report is to provide information on the role and functions and activities undertaken by the Authority in regard to Adult Safeguarding.

The Report explains the changing policy context of adult safeguarding and details the arrangements the Authority established to prioritise adult safeguarding. As the lead organisation responsible for adult safeguarding, the Authority is required to have effective arrangements to ensure vulnerable adults are protected from harm. The Authority undertakes its role in close partnership with others, primarily with Dyfed Powys Police but also with Hywel Dda University Health Board and local Advocacy organisations. The report itemises some of the key performance activity as well as challenges for the future.

With the implementation of the Social Services and Well Being Act 2014 in April of this year, safeguarding adults has for the first time been placed on a statutory footing. The Board will be appraised of how we are responding to the New Act in the Autumn of 2017. With well - established governance and scrutiny arrangements, Carmarthenshire is well placed to implement the duties and principles of the Act.

As can be seen from the attached report, the Authority was heavily engaged in 2015-16 in preparations for a regional structure for Adult safeguarding which went live in April 2016.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Avril Bracey** Head of Mental Health & Learning Disabilities

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Avril Bracey** Head of Mental Health & Learning Disabilities

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Local Member(s)

Not appropriate

2. Community / Town Council

Not appropriate

3. Relevant Partners

Not appropriate

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not appropriate

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THERE ARE NONE.