

SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 21ST MAY, 2018

SUBJECT

Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding (2016-18)

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 Annual Report relating to Adult Safeguarding. 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 is being implemented and the Regional Safeguarding Adults Board is well established. This Board, chaired by the Director of Social Services, Pembrokeshire 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. We also consider that in revising and improving our safeguarding processes over the last year, this will provide a solid foundation to respond to the new legislation and the regional focus that the Act requires.

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 Dyfed Powys Police, 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 in April 2016 safeguarding adults has for the first time been placed on a statutory footing. With well-established governance and scrutiny arrangements, Carmarthenshire is well placed to implement the duties and principles of the Act.

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	YES	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

2. Legal

We have reviewed our processes to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

5. Risk Management

We have identified that there are risks associated with the waiting list for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards authorisations. Over the last year, steps have been taken to reduce this waiting list as outlined in the report. Although the financial and reputational risks remain, we are introducing robust processes to mitigate these risks.

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.