

SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 3RD JULY, 2019

SUBJECT

ANNUAL REPORT ON ADULT SAFEGUARDING AND DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS (DoLS) (2018-19)

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:

- National and Regional position
- Local Operational arrangements
- Key achievements and significant events
- Key process changes
- Quality assurance
- Partnership working
- Performance and Activity Information

At the time of presenting this report, the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act is being embedded into practice and the Regional Safeguarding Board is well established. This Board is the lead body responsible for setting the strategic direction and governance arrangements for adult safeguarding in the County. It benefits from good strategic leadership and strong partnership working arrangements.

The Board has strengthened Carmarthenshire's approach to ensuring 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 continuously improving our safeguarding processes as described in this report, allows us to effectively respond to any concern raised as well as ensuring compliance with Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act.

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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**ANNUAL REPORT ON ADULT SAFEGUARDING AND DEPRIVATION OF
LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS (DoLS) (2018-19)**

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 and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

The Report explains the changing policy context of adult safeguarding/DoLS and details the arrangements the Authority has established to respond effectively to such reports and applications received. As the statutory organisation responsible for adult safeguarding, the Authority is required to have effective arrangements in place to ensure vulnerable adults are protected from harm. The Local Authority undertakes this role in close partnership with Dyfed Powys Police, Hywel Dda University Health Board and other statutory and non-statutory organisations. The report itemises some of the key performance activity as well as key changes in process and practice.

The Local Authority is also the Supervisory body for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards which ensures some of our most vulnerable citizens are properly safeguarded. This report details some of the key improvements made to our DoLS arrangements and the forthcoming changes and challenges.

This report aims to reassure the committee that Carmarthenshire County Council is well placed to implement the duties and principles of the Social Services and Well Being Act and is performing well in relation to meeting the expectations of DoLS Legislation (within the Mental Capacity Act (2005).

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 which has reduced significantly. We continue to make improvements in this area each year. We currently have no DoLS assessments awaiting authorisation as all have been authorised where appropriate. Although the financial and reputational risks remain, we have introduced 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.