

SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 19th NOVEMBER 2015

Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding 2014/15

To consider and comment on the following issues:

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

Carmarthenshire Adult Safeguarding Board, led by the Director of Community Services with senior representation from Dyfed Powys Police, Hywel Dda University Health Board and the Crown Prosecution Service, 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.

Both as a consequence of national scandals (Winterbourne, Mid Staffordshire Hospital, domiciliary care commissioning) and the increased attention and focus given to safeguarding by regulation, evaluation and audit (e.g. CSSIW, Wales Audit Office, Older Person's Commissioner), it has been of paramount importance for the Board to review the multi-agency Business Plan 2013-16 and its seven strategic objectives that provides effective strategic direction.

The Report explains the national policy context of adult safeguarding including the likely implications of the Social Services and Well Being Act 2014 and provides a variety of information including:

- Progress of the multi agency Business Plan 2013-16
- Regional position
- Operational arrangements
- Key achievements and significant events
- Key challenges and issues
- Quality assurance
- Partnership reports
- Performance and Activity Information

The Report concludes with a summary and its judgment that while there are areas for improvement such as timely investigations, fundamentally it safeguards adults at risk effectively particularly those adults at most significant risk in having excellent relationships with Dyfed-Powys police and its assessment and care management teams.

Reasons:

- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Social Care & Health)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this report is to provide information on the statutory roles and functions undertaken by the Authority in regard to Adult Safeguarding.

The Report explains the changing policy context of adult safeguarding and how the Authority has consolidated and improved its operational and strategic arrangements to improve its effectiveness. 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 primarily with Dyfed Powys Police but also with Hywel Dda University Health Board and the Crown Prosecution Service. The section provides considerable performance data on adult protection.

With the implementation of the Social Services and Well Being Act 2014, safeguarding adults will for the first time be based on a legal framework effective from 1 April 2016. With well established governance and scrutiny arrangements, Carmarthenshire is well placed to implement the duties and principles of the Act 2014 in relation to safeguarding adults. The Board will be working hard to make sure that the principles of the Act are central to how it works.

The Authority has also been engaged at a regional level in helping to develop the regional documentation and infrastructure to enable the establishment of the Regional Adult safeguarding Board in 2016.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carmarthenshire Adult Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2014-15• Appendix 1 – Carmarthenshire Adult Safeguarding Board Business Plan 2013-16
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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: **Jake Morgan** Director of Community Services

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: **Jake Morgan** Director of Community Services

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Councils – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

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

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection