


REPORT TO CABINET

17 April 2019

Subject:	Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/2018
Presenting Cabinet Member:	Councillor Ann Shackleton - Cabinet Member for Social Care
Director:	David Stevens, Executive Director Adult Social Care Health and Wellbeing
Contribution towards Vision 2030:	
Key Decision:	Yes
Forward Plan (28 day notice) Reference:	SMBC05/03/2019
Cabinet Member Approval and Date:	Councillor Shackleton 20/03/2019
Director Approval:	20/03/2019
Reason for Urgency:	Urgency provisions do not apply
Exempt Information Ref:	Exemption provisions do not apply
Ward Councillor (s) Consulted (if applicable):	Ward Councillors have not been consulted
Scrutiny Consultation Considered?	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board Date of Consultation: 21/01/2019
Contact Officer(s):	Deb Ward - Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Manager. 0121569 5477

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Receive and approve the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017-18 and Executive Summary as set out in Appendix 1 and 2.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board's Annual Report 2017/18 for approval.

2. IMPLICATION FOR VISION 2030

- 2.1 The work of the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board supports the Vision 2030, with clear and direct contributions to the following ambitions:

Ambition 2

Sandwell is a place where we live healthy lives and live them for longer, and where those of us who are vulnerable feel respected and cared for.

Ambition 5

Our communities are built on mutual respect and taking care of each other, supported by all the agencies that ensure we feel safe and protected in our homes and local neighbourhoods.

Ambition 10

Sandwell now has a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focused on what really matters in people's lives and communities.

3. BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The local Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board has a responsibility to ensure that all agencies work together to safeguard and promote the welfare and wellbeing of adults with support needs. It co-ordinates and quality assures the activities of member agencies. The Safeguarding Adults Board requires representatives from the Local Authority, the NHS and the police. The Board is responsible for developing shared plans for safeguarding and working with local people to enable adults with support needs/adults at risk, whether or not they are known to local services, to work in partnership to stay safe.
- 3.2 The Care Act 2014 requires that Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board produces an Annual Report. This is a summary and representation of the work of all partners within the Borough covering the period April 2017 – March 2018.
- 3.3 The percentage of concerns progressing to enquiry during 2017-18 was 21%, which is a small increase from 2016-17 where the conversion rate was 18%.

- 3.4 There were 545 section 42 enquiries concluded in 2017-18. The most prevalent type of abuse is reported as neglect or acts of omission with 248 cases which is a small increase from 2016-17 which reported 230 cases.
- 3.5 There is a higher percentage of referrals received in respect of women overall however in the 18-64 age range the prevalence is higher for men. The ethnicity data continues to highlight the trend in Sandwell of the largest number of referrals being for an adult with White British background (85%) although this is a 1% drop on the previous year. This continues to be an area of concern as this would not appear to be reflective of the population. SSAB will continue to seek assurance on this matter and raise awareness.

4. THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The Care Act 2014 requires that Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board produces an Annual Report. This report provides a summary and representation of the work of all partners within the Borough covering the period April 2017 – March 2018.

5. CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 The Annual Report was co-produced with board members and partners to ensure that all safeguarding activity was captured across the partnership. The final report was ratified at SSAB on 25th October 2018.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 The production of an annual report by the Safeguarding Adults Board is a requirement of The Care Act 2014.

7. STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The Care Act 2014 included a requirement for each Local Authority to set up a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). One of the requirements of the Board is that it produces an Annual Report.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 The SSAB Annual Report is the responsibility of the SSAB and is a summary and assessment of the work of all partners in meeting the safeguarding agenda. This Board undertakes Equality Impact Assessments as required.
- 9.2 The Corporate Risk Management Strategy (CRMS) has been complied with – to identify and assess the significant risks associated with this decision/project. This includes (but is not limited to) political, legislation, financial, environmental and reputation risks. No significant risks were identified that require reporting.

10. DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 There are no data protection issues arising from this report.

11. CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- 11.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

12. SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

- 12.1 There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

13. HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

- 13.1 This report provides information on the activity of the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board during 2017/18 and therefore does not raise any direct health and wellbeing implications.

14. IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

- 14.1 There are no implications on any council managed property or land.

15. CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15.2 The Care Act 2014 requires that Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board produces an Annual Report. This report provides a summary and representation of the work of all partners within the Borough covering the period April 2017 – March 2018. Cabinet are asked to receive and approve the Annual Report and Executive Summary presented in Appendix 1 and 2.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

APPENDICES:

1. Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/18
2. Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Executive Summary 2017/18

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