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Devon Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/18- Covering Report
Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation:

Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee is requested to note the Annual Report 2017/2018 of the Devon Safeguarding Adults Board which summarises some of the work that has taken place in 2017/18. More detailed information about the work of the Board is available on the DSAB website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/devonsafeguardingadultsboard/>

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This attached report provides the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the Devon Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) Annual Report for 2017/18
- 1.2 The annual report summarises safeguarding activity undertaken throughout 2017/18 by the Board and its key partners and sets out the progress made against priorities. There is a statutory requirement to present the Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adults Board to the local Health & Wellbeing Board. In Devon the report is also presented to Cabinet and to Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 This Annual Report is again a concise report. It ensures that key messages are portrayed and the report can be delivered and, importantly, understood widely. Importantly more detailed information is published on the Board's website, including full SAR reports.

2. Background

- 2.1.1 DSAB is the strategic lead body for safeguarding for the county of Devon, with an overriding objective to prevent and reduce the risk of significant harm to adults with care and support needs from abuse or other types of exploitation

- Key statutory partners are - DCC, NHS commissioners (CCGs) and the Police with wider representation from other agencies (NHS Providers, Healthwatch, Exeter Prison, Probation and the Community Rehabilitation Company)
- There are 2 key statutory requirements for the Board – to deliver an Annual Report and to ensure that the Board appropriately conducts Safeguarding Adult Reviews

2.1.2 For the purposes of this work, vulnerable adults with care and support needs are defined as:

- people with learning disabilities
- people with physical disabilities
- people with sensory impairment
- people with mental health needs, including dementia
- people who misuse substances or alcohol
- people who are physically or mentally frail

2.2 Legislative Context

2.2.1 The Care Act 2014 requires that local authorities hold the lead responsibilities for safeguarding adults and work in partnership with other agencies as described above. The Local Authority shall appoint an Independent Chair whose role it is to ensure that the Board holds all partners to account for delivering services which safeguard and protect vulnerable adults. The Board acts as the strategic mechanism for ensuring that all partners work together successfully.

2.2.2 As mentioned in 2.1.1 above, there are 2 key statutory requirements for the Safeguarding Adults Board – to deliver an Annual Report and to ensure that the Board appropriately conducts Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs).

2.2.3 SARs – there are 5 underway at present and when these are completed they will be presented to the DSAB. Reports and action plans will be uploaded on the DSAB Website. Learning from SARs is tracked by the Board and reviewed to ensure that actions have been undertaken.

2.3. A Summary of completed DSAB Work in 2017/18

- Commissioned 5 Safeguarding Adults Reviews, all of which will be completed in 2018/19
- Developed a Multi-Agency Performance Dashboard which collects and analyses Safeguarding Performance data from all DSAB partners to identify best practice and rectify any system-wide performance issues
- Completed and signed-off DSAB Multi-Agency Procedures and Guidance which outlines procedural Safeguarding responsibilities across all board partners.
- Held board workshops on County Lines and Multi-Agency Case Audit as well as a Board Business Planning day to ensure that all members are fully involved in the development of key priorities for the Board.
- Developed Safeguarding Publicity materials for the public and professionals

- Launched a DSAB Twitter account to ensure the public and professionals are briefed on key public messages
- Began each Board meeting with a personal story from a service user to ensure that Making Safeguarding Personal is at the centre of all of our work
- Commenced work on the development of the DSAB website
- Commenced work on a detailed multi-agency audit of safeguarding practice which will be completed in 2018/19

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972: LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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