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**To:**

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

**Date:**

25 September 2013

**Subject:**

The Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board 2012/2013

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**1 Purpose of the Note**

To inform Scrutiny Board of the content of the Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board 2012/2013. A full copy of the report is attached as an appendix.

**2 Recommendations**

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) is asked to consider the contents of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2012/2013 and forward their comments to Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) for consideration at her meeting on 29 September 2013.

**3 Information/Background**

The Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership made up of statutory sector member organisations and other non-statutory partner agencies. An Elected Member also attends the Board as an observer.

The Board has strategic responsibility for the development, co-ordination, implementation and monitoring of multi-agency policies and procedures that safeguard and protect vulnerable adults in Coventry. Through its work the board promotes the welfare of adults at risk and their protection from abuse and harm.

The Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board has agreed three key priorities for the coming year:

1. Responding, listening and acting on concerns (including learning lessons from reviews)
2. Continuing and strengthening multi-agency working
3. Reducing harm – (including preventing harm; recognising risk and harm; and dealing with it when it occurs)

Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board meets quarterly to provide strategic leadership and direction. The work of the Board is supported by a number of Sub-Groups that are responsible for developing and managing the delivery of activity to achieve the Board's priorities.

The Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Sub-Groups for 2012-13 were:

- Executive

- Partnership and Practice Development
- Policy and Procedures
- Quality and Audit
- Serious Case Review
- Workforce Development
- Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Steering Group (from March 2013)

The subgroups have drawn up action plans for the year which set out what they plan to do to achieve the Board priorities. Each year the Board reviews progress against these priorities and sets new priorities for the year ahead to ensure that safeguarding arrangements in Coventry are effective and achieve positive outcomes for those people in need of safeguarding.

The Annual Report covers the Board's activities for the period April 2012 to March 2013 and records the significant progress that has been made over the year, whilst acknowledging the considerable challenges in the year ahead.

### Appendices

Coventry Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2012/2013

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