
Date 29 October 2013

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) Councillor Gingell

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Executive Director, People

Ward(s) affected:

All

Title: Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board 2012/13

Is this a key decision?

No. **Although the matter within the Report can affect all wards in the City, it is not anticipated that the impact will be significant and it is therefore not deemed to be a key decision.**

Executive Summary:

This report presents the annual report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board 2012/13.

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.

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 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. Each year the Board reviews progress against actions set for the previous year and establishes new priorities for the forthcoming year to ensure that safeguarding arrangements in Coventry continue to be improved. The annual report provides a public record of this.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) is asked to endorse the contents of the report along with the comments made by Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5).

List of Appendices included:

Appendix One - Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2012/2013
Appendix Two – Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform Scrutiny Board (5) comments re: Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board (2012/13)

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

Yes. 25 September 2013 Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

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1. Context

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board has agreed three key priorities for the coming year:
 - Responding, listening and acting on concerns (including learning lessons from reviews)
 - Continuing and strengthening multi-agency working
 - Reducing harm – (including preventing harm; recognising risk and harm; and dealing with it when it occurs)
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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)
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 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.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) is asked to note the contents of the report along with the comments made by Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5).

3. Results of consultation undertaken to date

- 3.1 No specific consultation has been undertaken. The Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board is the result of the contributions of Board members made on behalf of the organisations they represent, concerning the work undertaken between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The comments of Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) and Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) will be considered by the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board and used to inform future annual reports.

5. Comments from Executive Director, Resources

- 5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

- 5.2 Legal implications

None

6. Other implications

- 6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?**

The safeguarding of adults at risk is a corporate priority and the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board oversees arrangements across the City to ensure partner agencies work together to address and prevent abuse and neglect. The Board works closely with other partnerships in the city including the Coventry Community Safety Partnership.

- 6.2 How is risk being managed?**

The Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board and Sub-Groups have action plans which seek to ensure that progress continues to be made to manage the risks associated with this important area of activity. These are reviewed on a regular basis.

- 6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?**

The work of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board as documented in the Annual Report demonstrates the commitment of all partner organisations to continuous improvement in adult safeguarding.

- 6.4 Equalities/EIA**

There is a need to ensure that adults who are at risk of abuse receive protection and support and that their human rights and dignity are respected. This includes a duty to intervene proportionately to protect the rights of citizens.

- 6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment**

None

- 6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

The Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency board on which a range of partners are represented. The annual report acknowledges the contribution of Board members and commits them to action in order to continue to improve safeguarding in Coventry.

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Appendices

Appendix One - Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2012/2013

Appendix Two – Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) comments re:

Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board (2011/12)