



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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From: Isabel Merrifield, Assistant Director Safeguarding, Performance and Quality, People Directorate, Coventry City Council

Subject: The Annual Reports of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board and the Coventry Safeguarding Children Board

1 Purpose

To present the Annual Reports of both the Coventry Safeguarding Children Board and the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board to the Health and Well Being Board.

2 Recommendations

Health and Well Being Board is asked to:

1. Note both reports (attached as Appendices 1 and 2) and the progress made in safeguarding both adults and children across the City over the last year
2. Note the future priorities of each Board and consider whether there are any areas on which the Board would like further updates or information over the coming year
3. Note the appointment of two new independent chairs (one for each Board)

3 Information/Background

Each Safeguarding Board produces an Annual Report to account for its work over the last year, to highlight progress and challenges and to outline priorities for the coming year.

For the Safeguarding Children Board it is a requirement of "Working Together To Safeguard Children 2013" (statutory guidance from the Department of Education), that the Annual Report is presented to the Health and Well Being Board. For the Adults Board, whilst not a requirement, it is good practice to ensure that key strategic boards are aware of the work of the Board and have an opportunity to review it.

Health and Well Being Board members will be aware that the Safeguarding Children Board was judged in adequate by Ofsted in the report published in March 2014. This has resulted in an improvement plan and much of this work will bear fruit during the coming year and will be reflected in the Annual Report for 2014-15 which will be published in summer 2015.

4. Chairing arrangements

The Safeguarding Adults Board was chaired by Brian Walsh during the year of the Annual Report. The Care Act, which is currently being implemented, has made the existence of a Local Safeguarding Adults Board mandatory and it was felt that it would be more appropriate to move to an independent chair of the Board at this point. Joan Beck, an experienced former Director of Adults Social Care, has been appointed to chair the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board.

The Safeguarding Children Board had been chaired by Amy Weir until the end of August 2014. A new chair has been appointed and this is Janet Mokades who is an experienced Safeguarding Children Board chair. Janet's experience will be helpful in the required improvement journey over the coming months.

Both new chairs are undertaking a range of induction activities to meet relevant individuals and see relevant services in the City relating to safeguarding and will be happy to meet with individual Board members if that would be beneficial.

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Appendices

Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2013-14
Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2013-14