



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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From: Rebekah Eaves, Safeguarding Boards Business Manager

Title: Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/18

1 Purpose

The purpose of this item is to present the Annual Report 2017/2018 to Board Members and to recommend that it is signed off for publication.

2 Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the contents of CSAB Annual Report 2017/18.

3 Background / information

The Social Care Institute for Excellence has produced guidance on the minimum content for annual reports. As a minimum an annual report for a safeguarding adults board must include:

- What the board has done to achieve its objectives
- What the board has done to implement the strategy
- What individual members have done to implement the strategy
- Any reviews undertaken, and the findings and implementation of finding of any that have been completed

4 Priorities and Progress

Understanding Complex Safeguarding Issues

Much has been done in the last year to improve awareness of safeguarding issues, particularly those which are more complex. Many agencies have introduced new measures to ensure that staff are not just trained but are able to access ongoing support to improve their safeguarding knowledge and skills. However, not enough of our staff have up to date safeguarding awareness training. We remain committed to challenging and support agencies to improve this.

We are pleased that the city now has a Domestic Abuse Strategy but we want to be sure that it delivers a positive impact, so will seek assurance about this in the coming year.

We are not yet confident that all agencies are meeting their statutory safeguarding duties or that our policies, procedures and training are translated into positive outcomes for people with care and support needs. This will be a continued area of focus for us in the coming year.

Community and Engagement

We have worked hard in this area and made much progress but there is still more we can do. We need to work more closely with the community to more fully understand the needs of people with care and support needs in Coventry and ensure that their views influence our strategic decision making.

Making Safeguarding Personal

Our work this year has shown that we can be confident that professionals understand and can apply the principles of making safeguarding personal. There are times when this is difficult and the introduction of initiatives such as Risk Enablement Panels and Family Group Conferencing will be key to our ongoing success in this area. As a result we will continue to seek assurance that the Risk Enablement Panel and Family Group Conferencing projects are impacting positively on the lives of people with care and support needs, and their carers.

Learning and Development

Over the last year we have made huge progress in this area. Our Workforce Development Strategy sets the direction and standard for all future training. Our Multi-Agency Learning Events have been a huge success providing easily accessible learning that complements the more structured training outlined in our Training Plan brochure. We plan to build on this hard work by launching a quality assurance framework for our safeguarding training and exploring the possibility of developing a training package for executive members of Board member organisations.

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Appendices

Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report 2017-2018