
Cabinet Member

6 December 2012

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) Cllr Lucas

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Community Services

Ward(s) affected:

All

Title: Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board 2011/12

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report presents the annual report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board 2011/12.

The Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership led by the City Council. Through its work the board promotes the welfare of adults at risk and their protection from abusive behaviour throughout Coventry.

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 Community Services) is asked to note the contents of the report along with the comments made by Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 5).

List of Appendices included:

Appendix One - Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2011/2012

Appendix Two – Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform Scrutiny Board (5) comments re: Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board (2011/12)

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

Yes 7 November 2012 Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform 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. Through its work the board promotes the welfare of adults at risk and their protection from abusive behaviour throughout Coventry. It provides strategic leadership for agencies providing services to adults at risk and seeks to ensure that there is a consistently high standard of professional response to situations where there is actual or suspected abuse.
- 1.2 The City Council is the co-ordinator for safeguarding activity in Coventry. To deliver this role the board comprises membership across the City Council, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust, Arden Cluster Primary Care Trust, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Service, West Midlands Ambulance Service and the voluntary sector. An Elected Member attends the board as an observer.
- 1.3 The work of the board is supported by a number of sub-groups that progress work on behalf of the board. For 2011/2012 these sub-groups were:
- Business Delivery Group
 - Training and Workforce Development
 - Policy and Procedures
 - Stakeholder
 - Prevention
 - Health Leads
- 1.4 These sub-group arrangements have been revised for 2012/2013 to include a Serious Case Review group and a Partnership and Practice group.
- 1.5 Each year the Board reviews progress against actions set for the previous year and sets 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.
- 1.6 The priorities for 2012/2013 are detailed in the report section 'Future Priorities and Challenges' which identifies the work programme for both the Board and Committees. Progress against this action plan will form the basis of the 2012/2013 annual report.
- 1.7 The Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board (2011/12) was considered by Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform Scrutiny Board (5) on 7 November 2012. The comments arising from this are included in Appendix Two.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) is asked to note the contents of the report along with the comments made by Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 5).

3. Results of consultation undertaken to date

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 2011 and 31 March 2012.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

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

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Legal Services

Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

The Annual Report of the Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board contains an action plan which seeks to ensure that progress continues to be made to manage the risks associated with this important area of activity.

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

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