

**CHESHIRE EAST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**  
**Reports Cover Sheet**

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report – 2019-2020
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
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**Executive Summary**

<b>Is this report for:</b>	Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Why is the report being brought to the board?</b>	The Safeguarding Adults Board is required to link with other Boards and to share its Annual Report and activity.		
<b>Please detail which, if any, of the Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?</b>	Creating a place that supports health and wellbeing for everyone living in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Improving the mental health and wellbeing of people living and working in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Enable more people to live well for longer <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Please detail which, if any, of the Health &amp; Wellbeing Principles this report relates to?</b>	Equality and Fairness <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Integration <input type="checkbox"/> Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Key Actions for the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board to address. Please state recommendations for action.</b>	The Safeguarding Adults Board request that the Health and Well Being Board notes the contents of the Report and shares Key Messages with relevant Bodies.		
<b>Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG board/stakeholders?</b>	Overview and Scrutiny – October 2020		

<b>Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?</b>	Work undertaken with and by Service Users during 2019-20 is referenced within the Annual Report
<b>If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit? Detail benefits and reasons why they will benefit.</b>	The purpose of the Report is to raise awareness about Adult Safeguarding and to demonstrate how individuals and organisations are working together to prevent and stop abuse and neglect, whilst promoting choice, control and well being for individuals affected by abuse.

## 1 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Care Act 2014 places a Legal Duty on Local Authorities to have a Safeguarding Adults Board. The purpose of the Board is to seek assurances from all organisations that they have policies, procedures and training in place to spot indicators of abuse and staff can fulfil their statutory duties in response.
- 1.2 Each Safeguarding Adults Board must produce a Strategic Plan, an Annual Report and facilitate Safeguarding Adults Reviews.
- 1.3 This is the Safeguarding Adults Board for 2019-20. It includes data about referral numbers, Section 42 Enquiries and Outcomes for individuals affected by abuse or neglect. It also evidences focussed Board sessions on the key issues of Modern Slavery, Sexual Abuse and Organisational Abuse, as well as including reports from the four subgroups of the Board and Frontline Visits.
- 1.4 It is important to recognise how the Board has contributed to the Prevention Agenda by delivering 1002 Basic Safeguarding Awareness Training Sessions to Care and Voluntary Sector Providers, as well as noting the ongoing work with Service Users to ensure that we hear the Voices of those affected by Abuse or Neglect.
- 1.5 It should be noted that this report was based on Pre Covid 19 activity in 2019-2020, however, the five priorities of the Board do reflect the current and future impact of the Corona Virus pandemic.

## 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board has set 5 key priorities in line with the Strategic Plan and in the context of Covid 19:
  - The SAB will continue to fulfil its legal duties during the Pandemic
  - The SAB will continue to promote Making Safeguarding Personal
  - The SAB will continue to link with other Boards, particularly the Safer Cheshire East Partnership, to consider and address cross cutting themes
  - The SAB will seek assurances and recognise the hard work of organisations are undertaking to deliver safe services
  - The SAB will continue to promote positive practice

### **3 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 The SAB recognises that Adults at Risk, are often the most vulnerable members of society, often dependent on others to provide care and support. They are victims because of age or disability and can also be subject to control and coercion. Likewise, perpetrators are also seeking new ways to exploit victims, giving rise to more complex safeguarding situations and challenges for Frontline Staff.
- 3.2 The SAB is supporting staff and organisations to work together during the Pandemic to effectively share information and coordinate timely and proportionate responses to Safeguarding Concerns.

### **4 Impact on Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

- 4.1 The Annual Report evidences how the Safeguarding Adults Board is mirroring the principles and priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The case studies within the report describe the impact of abuse, and how agencies have worked with individuals not only to reduce risk, but also to promote choice, control and wellbeing.

### **5 Access to Information**

- 5.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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