

Dorset Council Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board 11 November 2020

Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019-20 and joint Business Plan 2020 onwards

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Recommendation: This report informs the committee about how the SAB has carried out its responsibilities to prevent abuse and neglect of adults with care and support needs during 2019-20.

Reason for Recommendation:

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is required to publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year and the contribution each member has made to implementing its strategy. The work of the Board and accompanying data concerning the incidence of safeguarding concerns and enquiries is set out in slide 24 of appendix 1. There then follow the reports from Board member organisations.

- 1.2 The number of referrals rose by 400 in 2019-20 with 58% being confirmed as safeguarding. However, a smaller proportion (15%) proceeded to a section 42 enquiry. In 86% of enquiries the risk to the individual was reduced or removed. 40% of enquiries concerned residents in a care or nursing home, whilst 52% of incidents occurred in the person's own home.
- 1.3 The Board's business plan, agreed jointly with the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole SAB, is set out in appendix 2. The business plan has been delayed this year because of the impact of Covid 19. It is anticipated that the priorities and workplan will roll over into 2021-2, especially if agencies become absorbed in dealing with a second outbreak of the pandemic. The report clearly sets out the Boards' plan of work and the underlying rationale for each priority identified.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 For some years the Board has been using its contingency to fund the day to day running costs of its activities. It has not had to commission a Safeguarding Adult Review since 2015, but there are now two reviews that need to be undertaken, normally with an independent author. These will place pressure on the Board's budget in this financial year.
- 2.2 The delay in undertaking the SAB governance review has meant that there has not been a full review of the budget requirements of the Board and member contributions. This is becoming more urgent and will need to be progressed so that any bid for additional funding can be considered by Council members and partner organisations in this budget planning cycle.

3. Climate implications

- 3.1 None identified.

4. Other Implications

- 4.1 The SAB works closely with the pan Dorset Childrens Partnership and the Dorset Community Safety Partnership, especially in respect of SARs, Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) and the learning deriving from them. There is also an overlapping agenda in relation to, for example, domestic abuse, where reviews have identified a need for adult safeguarding and domestic abuse systems to work better together in practice.
- 4.2 The SAB governance review will focus on how the broader governance of safeguarding can be better integrated.
- 4.3 As outlined in the business plan, the Boards are planning a joint event to review the learning from the first stage of the pandemic, with particular reference to its impact upon the adult care sector. This will be organised in conjunction with Public Health and providers of care services.

5. Risk Assessment

5.1 No decisions are required.

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

6.1 Women are almost twice as likely (60%) to be subject of a section 42 enquiry than men in all age groups. There is a significant increase for those over the age of 75 and a further rise for women over the age of 85. 75% of all s42 enquiries are for those aged over 65 years.

6.2 The Board is also focussed upon risks to other groups in the community and in the past year has strengthened its links with the Learning Disability Partnership Board and People First Dorset. The Chair and Business Manager contributed to an event for service users to support them in handling the risks of domestic and sexual abuse and mate crime.

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1: Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019-20.

7.2 Appendix 2: Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole joint business plan 2020 onwards.

8. Background Papers

None

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.