

People & Health Scrutiny Committee

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Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Boards Annual Report 2021-2022

For Review and Consultation

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Brief Summary:

It is a statutory requirement for the Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board to publish an Annual Report each year and to present that report to the Council's Health & Wellbeing Board. Many Councils also request that the report is presented to Scrutiny as the report enables a discussion on the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

The attached report is for the year April 2021 to March 2022 and represents a full year under the governance of the current Chair – the report was agreed at the September meeting of the Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs). During this year the Board has agreed to join together with the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP) Safeguarding Adults Board for meetings and sub groups. This has enabled a more efficient governance structure as many of the statutory and other

partners cover both local authority areas. However, each Board is still separately constituted and in September 2021, it was agreed that Board meetings would have a single agenda and joined reports; though retaining the ability for place-based separate meetings, should the need arise. This year we agreed to publish one Annual Report for both Dorset and BCP SABs. Throughout this year we have delivered against all of our priorities which are set out in the annual work plan; this Annual Report summarises what the Board has achieved.

Recommendation:

That Members note the report which informs committee about how the SAB has carried out its responsibilities to prevent abuse and neglect of adults with care and support needs during 2021-2022.

Reason for Recommendation:

1. Report

- 1.1 In setting out how the SABs have delivered against the strategic plan during the year, this Annual Report also acknowledges the contribution each of the board partners has made to implementing its strategy. The Strategic Plan for the next (current) year is set out on Page 6.
- 1.2 The Annual Report sets out the Boards' governance structure and gives a snapshot of the work of its three subgroups during the year.
- 1.3 The safeguarding data for Dorset is shown on Page 10.
- 1.4 It is a statutory requirement that the Annual Report provides a summary of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) – these are statutory reviews commissioned by the Board, where someone with care and support needs has died and because of those care and support needs they were unable to protect themselves from abuse neglect or harm. We published SAR Katherine during the year and the summary is shown on Page 12 of the report.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 The budget for the Board is shown on Page 11 of the Annual Report – it shows contributions made by each Council and the partners. During this current financial year (2022/2023), the Board is progressing a single

business unit/ team and proposals for more equitable budget contributions are being considered.

3. Environmental Implications

3.1 None identified.

4. Well-being and Health Implications

4.1 The Annual Report will be presented to the Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board

5. Other Implications

5.1 The SAB works closely with the pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Dorset Community Safety Partnership, especially in relation to statutory reviews e.g., SARs, Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) and the learning deriving from them. This ensures efficient working of the statutory boards and where there is an overlapping agenda for example, where other reviews have identified a need for adult safeguarding, we are able to ensure there is joined up work and importantly joined up learning across professional disciplines.

6. Risk Assessment

6.1 No decisions are required.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

7.1 Women are almost twice as likely (64%) to be subject of a section 42 enquiry than men in all age groups. There is an increase for those over the age of 75 and a further rise for women over the age of 85.

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1: Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021/22.

9. Background Papers

None