

People and Health Scrutiny Committee

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Dorset and BCP Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23

For Review and Consultation

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Brief Summary:

The Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) works closely with the Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Board (BCPSAB). Both boards share an Independent Chair and a Business Team but remain as two separate place-based boards, working together. This arrangement offers efficiencies for partner organisations while enabling each local authority area to retain the ability for place-based working.

The primary role of a Safeguarding Adults Board is to ensure that all public sector agencies work together to ensure that adults with care and support needs in its area are protected from abuse, harm, and neglect; where because of their care and support needs they are unable to protect themselves. The Care Act 2014 sets out that Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs), should agree a local safeguarding strategic plan and set out in its Annual Report how it has delivered that plan. The Boards also, in commissioning a statutory Safeguarding Adults Review, should ensure that partners demonstrate how they work together so that

lessons learned impact the future delivery of services to those with care and support needs.

The achievements of the Boards, subgroups and member organisations are detailed in this annual report alongside details of referrals of safeguarding concerns to the local authorities. For the purposes of this committee, members may wish to pay particular attention to the Dorset Council data.

The future plans of the Board are set out on page 7 of the Annual Report in a summarised version of our Strategic Plan. The full version can be accessed here:

[Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2023-26](#)

DBCP SAB priorities are distilled into three key areas:

- Preventative work in safeguarding
- Seeking assurance on safeguarding practices
- Assurance on delivery of 'Making Safeguarding Personal' (MSP)

With this last priority in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to inform members that an integral part of each Board meeting is a 'safeguarding story' where board member organisations highlight the safeguarding experience of and contact with an individual and how partnership working made a difference to them. Making Safeguarding Personal is primarily about ensuring that people have the opportunity to determine for themselves any safeguarding actions and outcomes.

Recommendation:

That members note the report which informs the committee about how the Safeguarding Adults Board has carried out its responsibilities to prevent abuse and neglect of adults with care and support needs during 2022-23.

Reason for Recommendation:

To offer committee members the opportunity to review and discuss the report and ask any questions that arise.

1. Report

The DBCPSAB Annual Report 2022-23 is attached.

2. Financial Implications

The budget contributions for the DBCPSAB are set out on page 4 of the Annual Report and also here for ease of reference.

Dorset Council	£70,000
BCP Council	£70,000
NHS Dorset	£38,745
Dorset Police	£19,404
Total:	£198,149

3. Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications

None to note.

4. Well-being and Health Implications

The continual support and challenge role of the DBCP SAB with partner organisations will contribute positively to the health and wellbeing of local residents.

5. Other Implications

None to note.

6. Risk Assessment

None to note.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

The SAB works with partner organisations to ensure that all residents have the same opportunity of receiving services in relation to

safeguarding, without discrimination. The SAB Quality Assurance Subgroup works with data analysts from statutory partners to identify any potential statistical differences in respect of those accessing safeguarding services and any relevant demographic factors.

8. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Dorset and BCP Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23.

9. **Background Papers**

[Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2023-26](#)