

Subject:	Safeguarding Adults at Risk		
Date of Meeting:	23.09.13		
Report of:	Executive Director Adult Services, Denise D'Souza		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Brighton & Hove City Council Adult Social Care is the statutory lead for the co-ordination of work for safeguarding adults at risk of harm and abuse. If there is a concern or an allegation made that an adult at risk may have been harmed, the lead role for co-ordinating the investigation rests with Adult Social Care.
- 1.2 This report shows the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board's annual report for 2012-13, outlining the work carried out during that time, a progress report of the board, and priorities for 2013-14. This is a yearly progress report, and is published on the City Council website, and circulated to all member organisations of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the safeguarding work carried out in 2012-13, and the priorities planned for 2013-14.
- 2.2 That the Committee agree the report for circulation.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Annual Report is set out in Appendix 1.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board has representation from all statutory organisations, and representation from local groups and organisations who have an interest in safeguarding issues for adults at risk.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 Safeguarding work is supported through and integrated within the budgets for adult social care and partner organisations. There are potential resource implications from the anticipated new legislation which will give a formal mandate for safeguarding adults. These resource implications will be assessed, monitored and reflected in budget planning.

Finance Officer Consulted: Name Anne Silley Date: 02/09/13

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no specific legal or Human Rights Act implications arising from this Committee report which is for both noting and for Committee to agree to the circulation of the annual Safeguarding Report. The requirement for producing the Annual Safeguarding Report is contained in the body of this Committee Report and the relevant legislative requirements and national policy context underpinning Safeguarding are described in the appended annual report.

Lawyer Consulted: Sandra O'Brien Date: 09/09/2013

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out for safeguarding work, and actions included in setting priorities for 2013-14.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 Vulnerable people can be subject to financial abuse, physical abuse and sexual violence, which are all forms of abuse that are reported to Adult Social Care. Adult Social Care will co-ordinate the investigations, in conjunction with the Police.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Safeguarding adults is a key role for Adult Social Care in ensuring the most vulnerable people are able to live safely. Failure to manage this responsibility well puts individuals at risk as well as exposing the local authority to risks and challenge.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 Vulnerable people have an increased likelihood of having complex health needs, which if not delivered adequately could lead to significant harm. Safeguarding work aims to prevent the likelihood of harm through neglect, and to investigate if harm has occurred.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.8 Safeguarding work is carried out with adults at risk across the City.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 Safeguarding is a core statutory responsibility and it is important that there is good monitoring and oversight of performance, and that this is presented publicly each year.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To ensure the Adult Care & Health Committee has an overview of safeguarding performance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2012-13

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. Sussex Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding Adults at Risk

