

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



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| Report subject | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Business Plan of the Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Board • Draft Annual Report of the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Board |
| Meeting date | Monday 2 nd September 2019 |
| Status | Public Report |
| Executive summary | <p>Business Plan To advise of the progress on objectives in 2018-19 and to outline the overarching aims of the Board for 2019-20 and how we plan to achieve these.</p> <p>Annual Report The achievements of the Board and its member organisations are showcased under the headings of Effective Prevention, Effective Safeguarding, Effective Learning and Effective Governance.</p> <p>The report looks at some of the trends identified by analysis of safeguarding data as well as future challenges in store for the coming year for what is now the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Board.</p> |
| Recommendations | <p>Members are asked to note and comment upon the content of the attached report of the Bournemouth and Poole Safeguarding Adults Board.</p> <p>Reports will be published on Board website following approval at autumn 2019 Board meeting. https://www.bcpsafeguardingadultsboard.com/about-the-bcpsab.html</p> |

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| Reason for recommendations | The Local Authority is statutory lead for the Safeguarding Adults Board and the committee is asked to review the Business Plan and Annual Report as part of their scrutiny arrangements. |
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| Wards | All BCP Council area |
| Classification | For Information |

Background

The remit of the Bournemouth and Poole Adult Safeguarding Board is all encompassing and works across agencies to achieve its aim:

This Board exists to protect adults at risk from abuse, significant harm or neglect.

We will achieve this through strategic leadership and collective accountability.

The Business Plan looks at 2018-19, the first year of an agreed three-year joint strategy for the Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Boards.

The annual report is produced to communicate and reflect on the work and outcomes for 2018/19 and to look at some of the future challenges.

BUSINESS PLAN

Progress on Objectives in 2018-19:

- Refresh of multi agency procedures, including protocol for Large Scale Enquiries and information sharing guidance in light of GDPR.
- There has been greater outreach to the community via information stalls at the Emergency Services day and other local events.
- Organisations have responded to an independent audit of decision-making in respect of section 42 enquiries and increased their own auditing of cases to oversee improvements in practice.

- Internal audits also focus upon Making Safeguarding Personal and how far individuals are asked about the safeguarding outcomes they would like and to what degree these have been met.
- Concern about the low use of advocacy in safeguarding enquiries has been monitored by the Quality Assurance sub group via meetings with both the provider and commissioners.
- A new 3 year training strategy has been agreed. A training framework has been developed for adoption by statutory agencies which addresses the lessons learned from reviews in terms of risk assessment, risk management and information sharing. Business Managers and training leads of the SABs, Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) and the Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) meet regularly to develop a combined approach to embedding shared lessons from reviews.
- A number of training sessions have been run across the county on contracture management, following the findings of a SAR in Dorset.
- The SABs and LSCBs organised a listening event involving practitioners and managers from a wide variety of organisations to focus on implementing a whole family approach.
- Members of the Boards have been briefed on the progress of preparations for Local Government Reorganisation and continued to make line of sight visits to one another's offices and hospitals.
- There has been increased engagement with carers and service users through the Learning Disability Partnership Boards (LDPB), especially in relation to the SAR in respect of 'Harry'.
- The Boards have assumed responsibility for overseeing the final stages of implementing recommendations from the Advocare independent report.

Work for 2019-20

At a development session in December emerging issues and plans for the new business year were identified. These were shared at a Provider Event in February.

Alongside the business as usual, the Board will work on three overarching aims:

- domestic abuse
- exploitation
- neglect and self-neglect

ANNUAL REPORT

Safeguarding Adults Boards are bound to produce an annual report. This report examines the activity and achievements of the board and how member organisations have contributed to the safeguarding adults agenda. When considering the effectiveness of adult safeguarding four headings are used :

- Effective prevention;
- Effective safeguarding;
- Effective learning;
- Effective governance.

The 2018/19 Annual report gives an overview of the work of the Board and its subgroups during the year.

The report includes details of safeguarding work undertaken by the Board and its partner agencies across local authorities, health, police and emergency services, probation and representatives from the voluntary and provider sectors.

The report touches on some of the challenges of safeguarding in the coming year.

Achievements

Key achievements for the Bournemouth and Poole Safeguarding Adults Board this year include:

- Listening event for practitioners to follow up the successful joint conferences on the theme of working with the Whole Family Provider.
- Event to engage with care providers and share an overview of the Board's activity.
- Increased engagement with the Learning Disability Partnership Board including presenting to this group on the findings of the 'Harry' SAR/DHR.
- Increased engagement with the public through attendance at events.
- Worked with the local authorities before Local Government Reorganisation to help ensure a smooth transition.

Effective prevention

- The Provider event delivered information on recognising and preventing Domestic Abuse both in clients and staff, as well as important safety measures regarding the fire risks associated with emollient creams.
- Engagement with local organisations about the role of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

Effective safeguarding

- Revision of the pan-Dorset multi-agency policy and procedures documents.
- A development morning was held to gather views of Board members on challenges to effective safeguarding and key emerging themes. The aim was to shape future strategic priorities.
- The Communications Strategy has sought to strengthen the branding of the Board in order to promote the Board and its work. For the first time branded merchandise was purchased for use at events with the general public to promote the work of the Board.

Effective learning

- Work continued on a project to update Safeguarding Adult Practitioner training to devise a modular approach which will allow for flexible delivery and for other groups to access this training. The first module was delivered in autumn 2018.
- The Shared Learning group was formed with representatives from the Safeguarding Adults and Children's Boards and the Community Safety Partnerships to ensure learning from SARs and DHRs is shared effectively.

Effective governance

- The Executive Group continues to use the risk register to monitor and manage risk as the safeguarding landscape changes.
- The subgroups carry forward the business of the board as outlined in workplans.
- The Quality Assurance subgroup examines the data collected by partner organisations and seeks assurance that measures are in place to record and respond to what the data tells us.
- A review of the Safeguarding Adults Board was considered and steps taken to arrange once Local Government Reorganisation had taken place.

Background papers

This report was compiled using contributions from Board member organisations and data from the Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC Return) for Borough of Poole and Bournemouth Borough Council.

Appendices

1. Joint Business Plan of the Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Board
2. Draft Annual Report of the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Board