

Report subject	Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP) Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2024-2025
Meeting date	6 th October 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>The BCP Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) publishes an Annual Report each year and is required, as set out in the Care Act 2014, to present this 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.</p> <p>The attached report is for the year April 2024 to March 2025. The report was agreed at the September meeting of the BCP Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).</p> <p>The BCP SAB has successfully worked together with the Dorset SAB with joint meetings over the year.</p> <p>We publish 2 separate Annual Reports, one for each of the Boards as they are separately constituted. Throughout 24-25, BCP SAB has delivered against all priorities which are set out in the annual work plan; this Annual Report summarises what the Board has achieved.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>Members note the report which informs how the SAB has carried out its responsibilities to prevent abuse, harm and neglect of adults with care and support needs during 2024-2025.</p>
Reason for recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In setting out how the SAB has 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 this current year is set out on Page 8. 2. The safeguarding data for Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole is shown on Page 7 of the Annual Report. 3. It is a statutory requirement that the Annual Report provides a summary of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) which were published within the year. These are statutory reviews

	commissioned by the Board, where someone with care and support needs has died or suffered significant harm and where agencies could have worked better together. An outline of SAR Edward is shown on Page 12.
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Wards	All
Classification	Recommendation

Background

1. It is a statutory requirement for the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Board to publish an Annual Report each year.
The presentation of the report to Health and Wellbeing Board enables a discussion on the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board. Board Membership is detailed on Page 13 of the Annual Report and comprises statutory members from Adult Social Care, Dorset Police and NHS Dorset as well as representatives from other public services and the voluntary and community sector. Of note is that BCP Council is represented by Cllr David Brown, Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing as well as senior officers of the Council, including the Director of Adult Social Services.
- 1.1 Members are advised that BCP Council hosts the Business Team for the Dorset & BCP SABs. Income is received from BCP Council, Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and Dorset Police.
- 1.2 The BCP SAB works closely with the pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole 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 adult safeguarding, we have been able to ensure there is joined up work and importantly joined up learning across professional disciplines.
- 1.3 The Board has a duty to include details of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews, published during the year. Members will note SAR Edward was published during this year. Work continues with other Safeguarding Adults Reviews across Dorset and BCP and any published in 2025-2026 will be included in the next year's annual report.

Options Appraisal

2. Not Applicable

Summary of financial implications

3. The budget for the Board is shown on Page 6 of the Annual Report – it shows contributions made by each Council and the partners. For this financial year, the Board has worked as a single business unit.

Summary of legal implications

4. As set out in the Care Act 2014, it is a statutory requirement for the Safeguarding Adults Board to publish an Annual Report each year and to present that report to the Council's Health & Wellbeing Board. The Annual Report must also include details of any Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) which has been commissioned by the Board, SAR Edward is included.

Summary of human resources implications

5. Not applicable

Summary of sustainability impact

6. Not applicable

Summary of public health implications

7. Not applicable

Summary of equality implications

8. None identified

Summary of risk assessment

9. None applicable

Background papers

None

Appendices

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