

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 22 February 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Chair of Halton Safeguarding Adults Board

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: HSAB Annual Report 2016-2017

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present to PPB Halton Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016-2017.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 This report fulfils one of Safeguarding Adults Boards three core statutory duties:

1. Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute
2. Publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been
3. Commission safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria for these.

3.2 This Annual Report covers the period from 1st April 2016- 31st March 2017.

3.3 All members of HSAB, HSAB sub-group chairs and the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Forum members were invited to submit an annual summary of their work activity. The focus of work activity addresses HSAB's priorities as identified from 2015-2016 Annual Report, Performance Framework and Strategic Plan (2016-2018) in addition to acknowledging local and national safeguarding adults emerging issues/trends/policies throughout the year.

3.4 The report provides a summary analysis of the data gathered from both CCG and HBC Safeguarding Adults Collection and highlights what this information tells us for informing the work priorities for 2017-2018.

Further details below include a comparison with 2016/2017 national data (Pub. Nov 2017):

i) The top three types of abuse that occurred in Halton are aligned to national trends, which have remained consistent since 2014 nationally (with slight variation in prevalence), ie. neglect and acts of omission is the highest form of abuse that occurs (Halton 31% England average 35%), followed by physical abuse (Halton 26.5%, England average 24%) and financial and material abuse (Halton 21% England average 16%).

ii) Females continue to experience a higher percentage of abuse than males, 60% female 40% male for Halton aligns with national average.

iii) The data found adults at most risk of harm are older adults (75 years plus), who live in their own home and are most at risk of neglect or acts of omission.

- The distribution in terms of ages and prevalence of abuse is very close to national England average:
65 years and over –Halton 66% England average 63%
65-74 years – Halton 13% England average 12%
75-84 years – Halton 25% England average 22%
85 years and over –Halton 29% England average 28%
- The data on location of abuse:
Own Home: Halton 48% England average 44% North-West average 37%
Care Home: Halton 30% England average 36% North-West average 40%
- In terms of risk outcomes Halton is again similar to national averages:
No action: Halton 3% England average 6%
Risk reduced: Halton 72% England average 61%

2017-2018 HSAB priorities

Following on from the analysis of the previous year's data and work activity and in addition to consulting with members and partners from HSAB, sub-groups and service user groups the following 3 priorities were agreed for 2017-2018.

Priority 1: Creating a safer place to live for all adults living in Halton (Safeguarding Prevention)

- Work on early intervention and prevention with the development of a Safeguarding Adults Prevention Strategy with Public Health commenced early 2017. This financial year there will be an Action Plan developed to implement the key recommendations, in partnership with Halton's Safeguarding

Adults Partnership Forum and the wider community.

- There was also a well-received National Police initiative, 'Herbert Protocol' which HSAB supported Cheshire Police in implementing locally; it was disseminated across local services and venues.

Priority 2: Providing the skills and knowledge to enable genuine care and understanding for adults at risk of harm (Awareness-raising and Training)

- A Training Needs Analysis was completed gathering evidence through consultations with the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Forum members, HSAB sub-groups and wider partners, a training needs analysis (TNA), safeguarding concerns reported and data examination the need for continued training and awareness-raising of adult safeguarding became apparent.
- The TNA has helped inform a Training and Marketing Strategy that will be used to develop a yearlong marketing campaign and training package.
- The development of Halton Safeguarding Adults Webpage will enable a central point of access for information, with details on all resources, latest guidance and updated policies: www.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk

Priority 3: Gaining a greater understanding of how mental health can impact adults at risk being protected and cared for in the best way possible (Mental Health)

- Another theme that arose through consultations and emerging from reviews was the need for greater understanding around mental health and safeguarding
- Mental health and its impact on daily living can cause additional complications when a safeguarding concern occurs.
- Healthwatch have made a commitment to Halton Safeguarding Adults Board to work in partnership across services and with the local population to establish local needs and knowledge around safeguarding and mental health towards developing targeted resources.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) have statutory duties under the Care Act 2014 (as outlined in section 3.1). In that all SABs must produce an annual report and make public and the annual report to be sent to:

- The Chief Executive and leader of the local authority;
- The local policing body;
- The Local Healthwatch;
- The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The Annual Report contributes to the work of HBC's A Healthy Halton priority.

6.4 The overarching purpose of a Safeguarding Adults Board is to help safeguard adults with care and support needs and to ensure the health, care and support needs are met for adults at risk of harm. The Annual report is a public document that enables the work of Safeguarding Adults Board and its member organisations to be scrutinised to help achieve a healthier population within Halton by ensuring resources are targeted, keeping adults most at risk of harm safe and well.

A Safer Halton

6.5 None identified

Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Production and publication of HSAB activities through an Annual Report ensures HSAB remains publicly accountable and responsive to the needs of Halton's population. This reduces potential safeguarding risks and concerns and also positively impacts the health and wellbeing of those adults at most risk of harm. The Annual Report:

- Is compliant with Care Act 2014 statutory duties.
- Concurs with national guidance on 6 principals of safeguarding.
- Has local implications for Halton Borough Council's priorities of a Healthy Halton

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None identified

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.