

REPORT TO: Executive Board

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REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Children, Education and Social Care

SUBJECT: Halton Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017 -2018

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Halton Safeguarding Annual Report 2017-2018.

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:

- Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute
- Publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been
- 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 2017- 31st March 2018.

3.3 All safeguarding partners have submitted their annual summary of work activity.

3.3.1 The focus of this addresses HSAB's priorities as identified from 2016-2017 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 also provides a summary analysis of the data gathered from HBC Safeguarding Adults Collection and highlights what this information tells us for informing the work priorities for 2018-2019.

- The three main forms of abuse, are neglect and acts of omission, physical and financial abuse, which remain consistent with previous years. There is a slight variation in prevalence; neglect and acts of omission rising to 39.6% (8.6% increase on 2016-17); physical abuse decreasing by 5.5% to 21% and financial abuse 19.6%, decrease of 0.8% from 2016-17.
- Females continue to experience a higher percentage of abuse than males; the gender split of 60% female compared to 40% male remains aligned with last year's local and national data.
- The data found adults at most risk of harm are older adults aged 75 years plus, accounting for 53% of safeguarding concerns.
- The highest risk for location and risk type are adults who live in their own home and are most at risk of neglect or acts of omission; Location where abuse is most likely to occur is in the adults own home, at 44% this is a 3% drop since 2016-17; the second most likely location is in a nursing care home, with 24% of concluded enquiries.
- Ethnicity of adults was 92% White British, 0.75% were Asian/Asian British, 5.5% were either unknown or not declared.
- For concluded enquiries, 39% of adults were assessed as lacking mental capacity, a 2% rise from 2016-17; with 26% of adults recorded as having capacity (decrease of 3% since 2016-17).
- 83% of enquiries where risk was identified the risk was either removed or reduced.
- 74% of all adults under a safeguarding enquiry were supported, either by an advocate, a family member or a friend. This is an increase of 12% since 2016-17.

3.5 This year's annual report also included data from Halton Domestic Abuse Forum, which highlighted the following:

Older people aged 61 years+ are much more likely to experience abuse from an adult family member or current intimate partner than those aged below 60 years. That older victims are significantly more likely to have a disability (48% of victims aged 61 years+), for a third this is physical. Also, on average, older victims experience abuse for twice as long before seeking help than those aged under 61 years. In response Halton have strengthened the focus in the multi-agency domestic abuse awareness training to highlight and discuss domestic abuse and the implications it has on victims as well as ways in which it may manifest which are potentially different than in other domestic abuse situations due to the higher frequency of victims being dependent on the perpetrator for assisting them with day to day care requirements.

3.6 Learning from Reviews

Under the Care Act, Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) are

responsible for Safeguarding Adults Reviews. During 2017-2018 a Safeguarding Adults Review and a Multi- Agency Review was completed, along with Action Plans that addressed the recommendations within these review reports.

Following the completion of the Action Plan activities, there was a recommendation to establish a SAR Group. This newly formed SAR Group requested an executive review meeting where HSAB members and invited stakeholders from the SAR and MAR review panels examined the whole process of commissioning reviews, the writing and implementing of Action Plans and identifying key learning outcomes.

The proactive approach to the learning process enabled multi-disciplinary understanding across adult and children's sectors and across geographical boundaries between authorities.

Having independent reviewers and learning event facilitators enabled effective assessment and evaluation of the process.

360 learning approach has allowed learning events for all stakeholders, to fully participate including HSAB members and HSAB will continue this as an ongoing process utilising the newly formed SAR Group as a mechanism for sharing good practice. HSAB partners identified in the reviews and all those that attended the learning events demonstrated commitment to safer practice and safeguarding prevention.

3.7 2018-2019 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 2018-2019.

3.7.1 Priority 1 - Quality Assurance:

Review of current data/intelligence sources in referrals and alerts to be inclusive of the growing diversity of culture with Halton. To promote person-centred approach across all services working and supporting adults, ensuring it is adopted throughout the life course of adults with care and support needs and those at risk of harm. Undertaking audits for quality assurance. Taking in to account of models such as Making Every Adult Matter, Making Safeguarding Personal and applying Mental Capacity considerations when appropriate.

3.7.2 Priority 2 - Learning and Professional Development:

To continue to improve the skills and competencies of the local workforce through a range of resources. To aid a positive culture

around safeguarding adults and an understanding that all practitioners and carers who work with or support an adult have a duty of care and a responsibility to make themselves aware of safeguarding risks.

3.7.3 **Priority 3 - Coproduction and Engagement:**

The Care Act 2014 requires SABs to have a model of coproduction in order to fulfil its core duties (see section 1). In addition the Care Act statutory guidance 14.137 states:

'Safeguarding requires collaboration between partners in order to create a framework of inter-agency arrangements. Local authorities and their relevant partners must collaborate and work together as set out in the co-operation duties in the Care Act and, in doing so, must, where appropriate, also consider the wishes and feelings of the adult on whose behalf they are working.'

3.8 Workplans for each of HSAB sub-groups will be drawn up to address the recommendations within these priority areas of work. Quarterly updates from each sub-group will be provided to HSAB.

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.

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 this priority. 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.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

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

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 safer Halton.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 The Annual report is a public document that enables the work of Safeguarding Adults Board and its member organisations to be scrutinised to help safeguard the adult population within Halton by ensuring resources are targeted, keeping adults most at risk of harm safe and well.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None identified

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

None.