

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 13th November 2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Communities

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety; Health and Adults

SUBJECT: Halton Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) : Annual Report 2011/12

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Board with the HSAB Annual Report 2011/12 for information.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:** Note the contents of the report and associated Annual Report (Appendix 1)

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Keeping people safe and ensuring that they are treated with respect and dignity continues to be a high priority for the Council, Clinical Commissioning Group and Partner agencies who are committed to continue to build on the excellent results achieved in the 2010 Safeguarding Inspection to ensure Safeguarding and Dignity are central to the work that we do as a Health and Social Care Economy.

3.2 The annual report describes how organisations and individuals across all sectors are working together to safeguard vulnerable people. As well as reporting on the HSAB's work over the past twelve months, the Annual Report explains the national context in which we are all currently operating and lists the Board's priorities for the coming year.

3.3 In terms of the report's content:-

- The **Forward** references the on-going commitment to safeguarding and now references the link to the Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board;
- The **Vision** for the Board which hasn't changed from previous years;
- In terms of section 3, **National Context** – relevant developments have been referenced such as the Law Commission's Review, Standards for Adult Safeguarding and the Equality and Human Rights Commission's inquiry into Home Care;

- The **Structure and Reporting Arrangements** section now incorporates recent changes in the reporting structure and also references the new Integrated Adult's Safeguarding Unit and its role;
- The **Outcomes Section** references the new national outcomes frameworks and a handful of case studies;
- The **Board Priorities** reflect the priorities agreed by the Board for 2012/13 as part of its work plan;
- Section 7 outlines the **Safeguarding Data** available from both the Local Authority and Public Protection Unit;
- The **Key Developments and Local Activity** section has been developed with input from Partner agencies.
- The next 6 sections of the report concerned with :-
 - Learning & Development
 - Publicity and Communications
 - Quality and Performance
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Practitioners Network
 - Safer Workforce

All focus on the activity around the various sub groups.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Safeguarding Adults Inter-agency Policy that was developed during 2010 was scheduled for review during 2012, however due to the establishment of the new Integrated Adult's Safeguarding Unit; it is now the intention for the review to take place following the first year evaluation of the Unit.

This will ensure that where procedures/systems have been identified as needing to change, or ways of working require changing, these can be incorporated into the revised policy.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 All actions are covered within existing budgets.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Strong connections continue to be developed between the Children's and Adults Safeguarding Boards, as it is being increasingly recognised that there are issues which are common to both Boards. A number of individuals are members of both Boards, but this informal relationship is being strengthened by the development of a formal protocol between the Boards.

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

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The safeguarding of adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable to abuse is fundamental to their health and well-being. People are likely to be more vulnerable when they experience ill-health.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The effectiveness of Safeguarding Adults arrangements is fundamental to making Halton a safe place of residence for adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable to abuse.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for this report.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
No secrets: Guidance on developing and implementing multi-agency policies and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse (March 2000)	People & Communities Policy Team	Louise Wilson