

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 14 November, 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Children, Education and Social Care

SUBJECT: Halton Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present the Halton Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-19 to the Board. This report provides a summary of the key actions and priorities the Safeguarding Adults Board has been working towards in the last year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 All Safeguarding Adults Boards are required to produce an annual report which summarises all of the key achievements and priorities the Safeguarding Adults Board has been working towards over the last twelve months. The report sets out the national and local developments on safeguarding adults at risk.

3.2 Membership of Halton's Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) includes senior representatives from key partner agencies including Directors; lead Clinicians and Lead Officers who are responsible for safeguarding adults in Halton. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that we work together as a community, to support and safeguard all adults who are most at risk in society.

3.3 To achieve this, the Safeguarding Adults Board continues to develop and establish strong partnerships to ensure that the most vulnerable in society are safeguarded and are free from fear; harm; neglect and abuse.

3.4 Halton's Safeguarding Adults Board continues to contribute to the objectives of the Health and Wellbeing Board's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Halton's Strategic Partnership's Sustainable Community Strategy.

3.5 In 2018/19 the focus of HSAB was self-neglect and hoarding, these

were areas that staff across all professions were keen to learn about and improve their practice. This work culminated in the re-launch of the Halton Self-Neglect Panel.

3.6 In the last financial year, Halton also saw a 1.6% decrease in the total number of safeguarding concerns received; 47% of these were subject to Section 42 enquiries, this is a 25% decrease from 2017/18. This decrease has been attributed to issues within and the closure of care homes in the borough in 2017/18.

3.7 The priorities for HSAB for the year ahead are as follows:

- Quality Assurance
- Learning and Professional Development
- Co-production and Engagement

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications identified at this point.

5.0 **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE 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 Halton's A Healthy Halton 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. 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.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified

6.5 **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**

8.1 None identified.

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

None.