

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

DATE: 18th January 2023

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director, Adults

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Halton Safeguarding Adults Board – Annual Report 2021/22

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present the Board with the HSAB Annual Report 2020/2021 at the Appendix.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the report.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Under the Care Act 2014, 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.

3.1 ***Development of the Annual Report***

3.1.1 All members of Halton Safeguarding Adults Board, which includes representation from the Police, CCG (now ICB), ambulance service, fire service, probation and third sector organisations, were all invited to contribute to the annual report and share the priorities and achievements in safeguarding for their particular organisation.

3.1.2 As well as partner updates, the annual report also summarises key pieces of work and events which have occurred over the last 12 months to help keep people safe in the Borough. This includes work undertaken to support asylum seekers and refugees; supporting National Safeguarding Week and hosting a strategic planning event for Board members to agree key priorities for the Safeguarding Board going forward.

3.1.3 In addition to this, there is also key performance information which is included in the report which is taken from the Safeguarding Adults Collection – a statutory performance return which is completed by all

local authorities regarding key safeguarding information. There has been a 10% increase in the number of safeguarding concerns received in 2021-22 compared to 2020-21. In Halton, an adult at risk is most likely to be a female aged 65 or over living in their own home. There was also a 32% increase in the number of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard applications compared to 2020-21.

3.1.4 The Annual Report will be published widely and shared with HSAB member organisations.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **OTHER/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**

This document is an important part of the safeguarding policy framework ensuring that the Council fulfils its statutory obligations, in line with the Care Act 2014.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Halton Safeguarding Adults Board strives to show improvement in fulfilling its statutory duties and a dedication to seeking and providing the best possible care and support to safeguard vulnerable adults in our community.

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.