

## Executive Board – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

<b>Subject:</b>	Safeguarding Adults Board annual report 2019/20
<b>Corporate Director(s)/Director(s):</b>	Catherine Underwood, Corporate Director for People Dr Carolyn Kus, Director for Adult Social Care
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<b>Subject to call-in:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Criteria for Key Decision:</b>	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision	
<b>and/or</b>	
(b) Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Type of expenditure:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
<b>Total value of the decision:</b> N/A	
<b>Wards affected:</b> All	
<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	
<b>Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:</b>	
Nottingham People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Living in Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Growing Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving Nottingham Better	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>	
<p>This is the annual report (and two page visual summary) of the Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), covering 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. It is a statutory requirement that the Board publish a report detailing how it has assured itself 'that local safeguarding arrangements and partners have acted to help and protect adults in its area who are 'Care Act eligible'</p> <p>The strategic lead responsibility for adult safeguarding resides with Nottingham City Adult Social Care (ASC), who are one of three statutory partners funding the board, alongside Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire &amp; Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>The Board has four strategic objectives: Prevention, Assurance, Making Safeguarding Personal and Board performance, and this report details activity undertaken by Board staff as well as by all partner agencies – for a full list see either document – in furthering these aims throughout the 2019/20 reporting period.</p> <p>The report also provides a statistical overview of the safeguarding activity undertaken by Adult Social Care in respect of type and number of safeguarding referrals received and number of s.42 safeguarding enquiries undertaken. The report presents an overall picture of increasing adult safeguarding activity across the health, social care and criminal justice arenas, albeit largely unchanging in terms of nature and location of abuse and neglect. It also details an ongoing partnership wide commitment to adult safeguarding from all board members and beyond in terms of providing staff training and improving policies and procedures concerned with both reactive</p>	

and proactive adult safeguarding practices.

Finally, the report provides a brief overview of work undertaken during the year in respect of Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs); a statutory undertaking if there is reasonable cause for concern about how the SAB, members of it or other persons worked together to safeguard an adult, and the adult died or experienced serious abuse or neglect.

Moving beyond the period under review (ending March 2020) adult safeguarding was, like everything, affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. During lockdown, local referral rates went down by 35% between April – May 2020 (in line with national changes) before gradually increasing and returning to rates closer to pre-pandemic figures, although still down compared to the previous year. Again, reflecting national trends, there was an increase in reporting of domestic violence, especially to local services, with calls up by at least 40% on the year before. During lockdown, the Board Chair took a pragmatic stance, pausing much planned activity and ensuring instead that adult safeguarding remained a focus amongst partner agencies as they adapted and maintained their service provision during lockdown. Throughout the initial wave the Board sought assurance from partners on areas of relevance to adult safeguarding, including asking the CCG to confirm that application of DNARs remained in line with procedure and that frontline staff remained able to 'speak out' as urged by national regulators the CQC and National Inspector of Hospitals. Alongside this, the Board gradually resumed 'business as normal' activities, recommencing Safeguarding Adults Reviews and seeking partner wide assurance about adult survivors of non-recent abuse following on from the IICSA report. Finally, the Board remains alert to the importance of 'learning the lessons' gained from the pandemic so that partners might more robustly respond to future developments.

**Exempt information:**

None

**Recommendation(s):**

**1** To approve the 2019/20 Safeguarding adults board annual report

## **1 Reasons for recommendations**

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement that Safeguarding Adults Boards 'must publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as detailing the findings of any safeguarding adults reviews and subsequent action' (Care Act statutory guidance Para 14.136)
- 1.2 This report is put forward for scrutiny and approval as an accurate record of activity undertaken by the Board and partners during the 2019/20 financial year to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners have acted to help and protect adults in its area who are Care Act eligible.

## **2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)**

- 2.1 Safeguarding Adult Boards (SABs) have been in statutory existence since the 2014 Care Act. Although the report must be shared with, amongst others the Council Chief executive and Leader and last year was subject to oversight from the Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny Committee, this is the first time the Board's annual report has been through the entirety of the Council's formal scrutiny procedure.

### **3 Other options considered in making recommendations**

- 3.1 The alternative option would have been not to produce an annual report. However, as it is a statutory requirement to do so, this option was not considered.

### **4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications linked to this report and the recommendations outlined by the report author.

Hayley Mason  
Strategic Finance Business Partner (Adults and Public Health)  
25 November 2020

### **5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

Natalie Grant,  
Team Leader- Legal Services  
24 November 2020.

### **6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decisions relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure)**

- 6.1 Not applicable

### **7 Social value considerations**

- 7.1 Not applicable

### **8 Regard to the NHS Constitution**

- 8.1 Not applicable

### **9 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 9.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because: Although many of the Board's members are 'public authorities' as understood by the 2010 Equalities Act, the Safeguarding Adults Board itself is not, so any requirement to undertake an EIA does not apply. Furthermore, the report presented does not propose any actions but rather summarises activity already undertaken.

### **10 List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)**

- 10.1 None

## **11 Published documents referred to in this report**

### **11.1 Safeguarding Adults Board annual report 2019/20**