

	<b><u>Agenda Item: 6</u></b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Birmingham Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>26 January 2016</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (BSAB) ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Partnership of City Council, Local NHS, West Midlands Police, and Other Agencies.</b>
<b>Presenting Officer</b>	<b>Alan Lotinga Service Director Health and Wellbeing and Chair of BSAB</b>
<b>Report Type:</b>	<b>Endorsement</b>

**1. Purpose:**

To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of the main developments/achievements of the BSAB in 2014/15 and, as multi-agency responsibilities towards adult safeguarding were enacted from April 2015, seek HWB endorsement of current priorities.

**2. Implications:**

BHWB Strategy Priorities	Child Health	
	Vulnerable People	Y
	Systems Resilience	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		
Financial		
Patient and Public Involvement		Y
Early Intervention		Y
Prevention		Y

**3. Recommendation**

To note BSAB's achievements during 2014/15 and endorse 2015/16 priorities.

#### **4. Background**

- 4.1 The Care Act 2014 gave statutory direction from April 2015 for the relevant local authority, in partnership with the NHS and Police, and other key local partners as invited, to establish an Adults Safeguarding Board, agree an annual work-plan, and produce an annual report. In effect, this means that nationally, adult safeguarding will now be similar, in terms of its statutory backing, to children's safeguarding. Up until this point, the safeguarding or protection of vulnerable adults has been covered nationally by the non-statutory "No Secrets" guidance, issued in 2000.
- 4.2 In Birmingham, these minimum requirements (to have a Board etc.) have been in place for a number of years, although it is felt that the annual report and plan have improved each year, based on feedback and constant development, with the plan especially now focussing more on the 3 years ahead rather than the immediate year ahead, and with more strategic emphasis. In this regard, feedback and suggestions from Health and Wellbeing Board members are particularly welcome.
- 4.3 The full Birmingham Adults Safeguarding Board (BSAB) Annual Report for 2014/15 can be found on the BSAB's website [www.bsab.org](http://www.bsab.org) where a wide range of material, advice and material can be viewed.
- 4.4. In summary, the main achievements of the BSAB on 2014/15 were:-
- 2014/15 Eyes and Ears campaign focussed on financial abuse
  - Continued to promote Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards legislation in practice e.g. learning day inspired a theatre product on issues faced daily with citizens in this area.
  - 6,288 safeguarding alerts (13% increase). 37% judged not needing further investigation (36% last year).
  - Stronger multi-agency focus on "lessons learnt" from serious case and other reviews and incidents
  - Successful conference "risking your dignity" – front line staff from all agencies.
  - Survey and actions from service users' outcomes after going through the safeguarding process
  - Introduced our approach to "Making Safeguarding Personal"
  - New style business plan and risk register – aligned to the 6 principles of safeguarding – protection, prevention, partnership, proportionality, empowerment and accountability.
- 4.5 The BSAB's current work priorities include the following:-
- Implementing the Care Act 2014 requirements – having a Safeguarding

Adults Board is a statutory requirement of each local authority.

- Continue to examine outcomes for people experiencing our safeguarding processes, from case file audits and from independent research. In our new styled plan we are focussing on five strategic areas over the next 3 years, as follows. Each strategic ambition has a number of supporting work streams:
- Priority 1 - Hearing the voice of the people of Birmingham
- Priority 2 - Revise the Board and it's governance to ensure it is fit for purpose
- Priority 3 - Safer communities: more effective preventative strategies
- Priority 4 - Partnership working: ensuring all citizens experience a personalised and individual response when safeguarding concerns are raised.
- Priority 5 - Assurance monitoring the system - effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements across the City

4.6 The HWB is invited to consider, comment on and endorse, as appropriate, these achievements and priorities.

## **5. Compliance Issues**

### **5.1 Strategy Implications**

The BSAB's business plan, annual report and strategic risk register directly support and are consistent with the HWB Strategy's vulnerable people priority.

### **5.2 Governance & Delivery**

The BSAB governance has been revised significantly in the light of the Care Act and supporting guidance. The Board membership itself has been streamlined, but is supported and challenged by a much wider partnership of key stakeholders. The Board meets approximately every 2 months, is well-attended and supported by all the relevant local statutory partner organisations, and has effective sub-groups/work-streams covering Operations, Serious Case Reviews (now called Safeguarding Adults Reviews), Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, and Training and Communications.

### **5.3 Management Responsibility**

Alan Lotinga - Chair of BSAB and Lead Director supporting the HWB.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

The BSAB has, over the past year, introduced a new strategic risk register of its own. Again, this can be viewed at [www.bsab.org](http://www.bsab.org). It appears to compare well with equivalent risk registers in place in other parts of the country, in terms of its depth of coverage and relevance. Risks and mitigations cover issues such as managing large scale investigations, funding and support of the Board and its work, and scrutiny of our respective in-year assurance statements.

<b>Appendices</b>
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Slides to be presented along with this report.
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