

Southend Health & Wellbeing Board

Agenda
Item No.

Report of LSCB & SAB Independent Chair

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To

Health & Wellbeing Board

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2017 LSCB and SAB annual reports on the effectiveness of safeguarding services 2016/17

Part 1 (Public Agenda Item) / Part 2

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Reports for 2016-17 (appendices 1 & 2 respectively) provide an assurance statement of the effectiveness of safeguarding services in Southend and identify areas for development for consideration by other strategic and commissioning bodies when reviewing their strategic and business plans for the new financial year 2018-19.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board ensures the areas for development identified in the LSCB and SAB Annual Reports for 2016-17 are reflected in its strategic planning for the coming year.

3. Background & Context

- 3.1. 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015' states that the LSCB Chair must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. The annual report should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles. The report is submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

- 3.2. The report identifies areas for development which should be considered by other strategic bodies and commissioners when reviewing their strategic plans and business plans for the coming year. The areas for development identified are as follows:
- a. Conclude and implement the Strategic review of the LSCB and its sub-group priorities and activities, and ensure the views of children and young people inform future Board activity through better engagement.
 - b. Continue to build on the Southend response to the Alan Wood review of LSCB's further to the publication of the Department for Education consultation on significant revisions to the statutory guidance, 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (following the introduction of legislative changes through the Children and Social Work Act 2017) and new 'child death review' guidance.
 - c. Support the development of multi-agency responses to neglect and assurances that there is a shared understanding of neglect that promotes the safety, well-being and development of children with consistency of support
 - d. Understanding and assessing the impact on safeguarding of system changes and commissioning plans e.g. Sustainable Transformation Partnerships, the Transforming Care Programme and actively supporting the change programme system wide including workforce delivery issues
 - e. Implement a new performance and risk framework to support the Board in delivering its statutory responsibilities – including understanding the impact of local resource commitment to safeguarding and funding plans.
 - f. Develop and implement induction training and an ongoing development programme for Board members and recruit lay-members to replace recent resignations.
 - g. Develop a revised audit programme to be overseen by the LSCB based on increased targeted audit activity and analysis that includes Learning Disability Mortality Review (LeDeR), Thresholds, Child Sexual Exploitation, self-harm and suicide prevention.
 - h. Conduct a review of safeguarding training and agree the Board's safeguarding training offer.
 - i. Improve Board communication, review the Southend LSCB website and fully engage with social media.
 - j. Improve understanding of the local response to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking to identify improvements needed.
 - k. Work collaboratively with both Thurrock and Essex Councils on any initiatives arising from our new relationship with the Essex Police & Crime Commissioner.

- 3.3. The Care Act Guidance 2014 states that the SAB must publish an annual report that must clearly identify what both the SAB and its members have done to carry out and deliver the objectives and other content of its strategic/business plan.
- 3.4. In order to continue to have an impact on improving services across the partnership the following areas for development have been identified for 2018-19:
- a. Conclude and implement the Strategic review of the SAB and its sub-group priorities and activities and ensure that engagement with the service user is improved and their voices captured to inform future Board activity
 - b. Board members – put in place induction training and ongoing development programme, recruit lay-members to replace recent resignations
 - c. Implement a new performance and risk framework to support the Board in delivering its statutory responsibilities – including understanding the impact of local resource commitment to safeguarding and funding plans
 - d. Understanding and assessing the impact on safeguarding of system changes and commissioning plans e.g. Sustainable Transformation Partnerships, the Transforming Care Programme and actively supporting the change programme system wide including workforce delivery issues
 - e. Develop a revised audit programme to be overseen by the SAB
 - f. Conduct a review and agree the Board’s safeguarding training offer
 - g. Increase targeted audit activity and analysis – including suicide prevention and the Mental Health Strategy, modern slavery, Learning Disability Mortality Review (LeDeR)
 - h. Improve Board communication and review the website and engage fully with social media
 - i. Further work on understanding local responses to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and identifying any improvements needed
 - j. Making Safeguarding Personal – Review how both the practice and culture underpinning Making Safeguarding Personal are embedded across the whole Safeguarding system – including both audit and a review of partners commissioning plans, and the promotion of partnerships, the development of preventative approaches and sharing best practice and learning
 - k. Work collaboratively with both Thurrock and Essex Councils on any initiatives arising from our new relationship with the Essex Police & Crime Commissioner
 - l. Supporting partners to identify alternative funding sources to enhance services and their capacity to safeguard effectively

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1. To ensure priority areas for development of services to safeguard children and adults are addressed effectively.

5. Financial / Resource Implications

- 5.1. Additional financial and other resources may be required to address the areas for development identified in the reports.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. None.

7. Equality & Diversity

- 7.1. None.

8. Background Papers

- 8.1. None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1. LSCB Annual Report on the Effectiveness of Safeguarding Children Services 2016-17
 - 9.2. SAB Annual Report on the Effectiveness of safeguarding Adults Services 2016-17
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