

Southend Health & Wellbeing Board

Report of Christine Doorly, LSCB & SAB Independent Chair

to
Health & Wellbeing Board
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Title of Report: LSCB & SAB Annual Reports on the Effectiveness of Safeguarding in Southend 2014-15

Part 1 (Public Agenda Item) / Part 2

1. Purpose of Report

To provide an annual assessment for the Health and Wellbeing Board in respect of safeguarding children and adults in Southend. This report contributes to the requirements of statutory guidance in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 and the Care Act 2014.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the report is noted and the Board identifies any relevant emerging safeguarding children and adults priorities for inclusion in its strategic planning for 2016-17

3. Background & Context

- 3.1 For the period 2014 -15 the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), have coordinated their annual reporting cycles in order to provide an overview of the activity and effectiveness of safeguarding children and adults service in Southend.

3.2 Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment;
- preventing impairment of children's health or development;

- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes. (*Working Together 2015*)

3.3 The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a statutory partnership responsible for co-ordinating and monitoring the effectiveness of safeguarding children arrangements in all agencies. The LSCB works alongside the Success for All Children Group, which is responsible for leading and coordinating improvements in services for all outcomes for children, including their safety. Both the LSCB and the Success For All Children Group work with the Health and Wellbeing Board which provides strategic leadership across all services.

3.4 Effective safeguarding children systems are those where:

- the child's needs are paramount, and the needs and wishes of each child, be they a baby or infant, or an older child, should be put first, so that every child receives the support they need before a problem escalates;
- all professionals who come into contact with children and families are alert to their needs and any risks of harm that individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to children;
- all professionals share appropriate information in a timely way and can discuss any concerns about an individual child with colleagues and local authority children's social care;
- high quality professionals are able to use their expert judgement to put the child's needs at the heart of the safeguarding system so that the right solution can be found for each individual child;
- all professionals contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote a child's welfare and take part in regularly reviewing the outcomes for the child against specific plans and outcomes;
- LSCBs coordinate the work to safeguard children locally and monitor and challenge the effectiveness of local arrangements;
- when things go wrong Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) are published and transparent about any mistakes which were made so that lessons can be learnt; and
- local areas innovate and changes are informed by evidence and examination of the data.

3.5 The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) became a statutory partnership from April 2015, responsible for co-ordinating and monitoring the effectiveness of safeguarding adults arrangements in all agencies. The SAB works in Partnership with the LSCB and Health and Wellbeing Board to provide strategic leadership across all services. Safeguarding Adults Boards should:

- identify the role, responsibility, authority and accountability with regard to the action each agency and professional group should take to ensure the protection of adults;
- establish ways of analysing and interrogating data on safeguarding notifications that increase the SAB's understanding of prevalence of abuse and neglect locally that builds up a picture over time;

- establish how it will hold partners to account and gain assurance of the effectiveness of its arrangements;
- determine its arrangements for peer review and self-audit;
- establish mechanisms for developing policies and strategies for protecting adults which should be formulated, not only in collaboration and consultation with all relevant agencies but also take account of the views of adults who have needs for care and support, their families, advocates and carer representatives;
- develop preventative strategies that aim to reduce instances of abuse and neglect in its area;
- identify types of circumstances giving grounds for concern and when they should be considered as a referral to the local authority as an enquiry;
- formulate guidance about the arrangements for managing adult safeguarding, and dealing with complaints, grievances and professional and administrative malpractice in relation to safeguarding adults;
- develop strategies to deal with the impact of issues of race, ethnicity, religion, gender and gender orientation, sexual orientation, age, disadvantage and disability on abuse and neglect;
- identify mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing the implementation and impact of policy and training;
- carry out safeguarding adult reviews;
- produce a Strategic/Business Plan and an Annual Report;
- evidence how SAB members have challenged one another and held other boards to account;
- promote multi-agency training and consider any specialist training that may be required.
- consider any scope to jointly commission some training with other partnerships, such as the Community Safety Partnership.

3.6 This report provides an annual assessment by the LSCB and SAB regarding the effectiveness of safeguarding services in Southend. The report contains two elements:

- The annual report from the independent chair of the LSCB covering the effectiveness of safeguarding of children, and identifying key priorities locally to improve that effectiveness. (Appendix 1).
- The annual report from the independent chair of the SAB covering the effectiveness of safeguarding adults and identifying key priorities locally to improve that effectiveness. (Appendix 2).

3.7 Working Together 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 be published in relation to the preceding financial year and should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles. The report should be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The report should provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It should identify areas of

weakness, the causes of those weaknesses and the action being taken to address them as well as other proposals for action.

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.

4. Health & Wellbeing Board Priorities / Added Value

How does this item contribute to delivering the;

- Nine HWB Strategy Ambitions (listed on final page)
- Three HWB “Broad Impact Goals” which add value;
 - a) Increased physical activity (prevention)
 - b) Increased aspiration & opportunity (addressing inequality)
 - c) Increased personal responsibility/participation (sustainability)

4.1 This report supports the following HWB ambitions:

Ambition 1. A positive start in life

Reduce need for children to be in care
Promote children’s mental wellbeing
Support families with significant social challenges

Ambition 2. Promoting healthy lifestyles

Prevention and support for substance & alcohol misuse

Ambition 3. Improving mental wellbeing

A holistic approach to mental and physical wellbeing
Provide the right support and care at an early stage
Work to prevent suicide and self-harm
Support parents postnatal

Ambition 4. A safer population

Safeguard children and vulnerable adults against neglect and abuse
Support the Domestic Abuse Strategy Group in their work
Work to prevent unintentional injuries among under 15s

Ambition 5. Living independently

People feel informed and empowered in their own care
People feel supported to live independently for longer

Ambition 6. Active and healthy ageing

Join up health & social care services
Physical & mental wellbeing
Support those with long term conditions
Empower people to be more in control of their care

Ambition 8. Housing

Work together to;
○ Tackle homelessness

- Deliver health, care & housing in a more joined up way
- Adequate specialist housing

Ambition 9. Maximising opportunity

Have a joined up view of Southend’s health and care needs
 Work together to commission services more effectively
 Tackle health inequality (including improved access to services)

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1. Supports the HWB to review its strategic priorities regarding the safeguarding of children and adults

6. Financial / Resource Implications

- 6.1 None identified

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1. Complies with requirements of the Care Act 2014 and Working together to safeguard children 2015

8. Equality & Diversity

- 8.1. Addresses the safeguarding of the most vulnerable people in Southend

9. Background Papers

- 9.1. None

10. Appendices

- 10.1. Appendix 1 - LSCB annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding children in Southend 2014-15
- 10.2. Appendix 2 – SAB annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding adults in Southend 2014-15

HWB Strategy Priorities

Broad Impact Goals – adding value

- a) Increased Physical Activity (prevention)
- b) Increased Aspiration and Opportunity (addressing inequality)
- c) Increased Personal Responsibility and Participation (sustainability)

Ambition 1. A positive start in life	Ambition 2. Promoting healthy lifestyles	Ambition 3. Improving mental wellbeing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduce need for children to be in care b) Narrow the education achievement gap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduce the use of tobacco b) Encourage use of green spaces and seafront c) Promote healthy weight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A holistic approach to mental and physical wellbeing b) Provide the right support

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Improve education provision for 16-19s d) Better support more young carers e) Promote children's mental wellbeing f) Reduce under-18 conception rates g) Support families with significant social challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Prevention and support for substance & alcohol misuse 	<p>and care at an early stage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Reduce stigma of mental illness d) Work to prevent suicide and self-harm e) Support parents postnatal
<p>Ambition 4. A safer population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Safeguard children and vulnerable adults against neglect and abuse b) Support the Domestic Abuse Strategy Group in their work c) Work to prevent unintentional injuries among under 15s 	<p>Ambition 5. Living independently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Promote personalised budgets b) Enable supported community living c) People feel informed and empowered in their own care d) Reablement where possible e) People feel supported to live independently for longer 	<p>Ambition 6. Active and healthy ageing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Join up health & social care services b) Reduce isolation of older people c) Physical & mental wellbeing d) Support those with long term conditions e) Empower people to be more in control of their care
<p>Ambition 7. Protecting health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Increase access to health screening b) Increase offer of immunisations c) Infection control to remain a priority for all care providers d) Severe weather plans in place e) Improve food hygiene in the Borough 	<p>Ambition 8. Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Work together to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tackle homelessness o Deliver health, care & housing in a more joined up way c) Adequate affordable housing d) Adequate specialist housing e) Understand condition and distribution of private sector housing stock, to better focus resources 	<p>Ambition 9. Maximising opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have a joined up view of Southend's health and care needs b) Work together to commission services more effectively c) Tackle health inequality (including improved access to services) d) Promote opportunities to thrive; Education, Employment