



ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet 15 September 2021

Report Title:	Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2020/21
Cabinet Portfolio	Adult Social Care and Health
Cabinet Member	Councillor Marlene Quinn
Exempt Report	No
Reason for Exemption	N/A
Key Decision	No
Public Notice issued	N/A
Wards Affected	All Wards
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Borough priorities	Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life	
	Promote good health, independence and care across our communities	
	Create safe and strong communities for our residents	x
	Support a strong, diverse and well-connected local economy	
	Create a green, thriving and vibrant place to be proud of	
	Be a modern, efficient and effective Council	x

1. Summary

The Care Act 2014 requires the St Helens Safeguarding Adults Board to publish an Annual Report which sets out how the Board has performed during 2020/21. The requirements of the Report are set out as follows;

- 1.1 To set out the progress against the business objectives for 2020/21, which were focused on: Making Safeguarding Personal;
- 1.2 Seeking assurance from partners that there is effective leadership in place, Ensuring that effective Partnership working and governance are in place; Ensuring all services have appropriate systems and processes in place; Ensure that partners are equipped to respond appropriately.
- 1.3 The Report also sets out the progress on any Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) that have taken place during the year
- 1.4 The final statutory requirement is for the report to set out the business Objectives for 2021/22 and to revise the 3-year Strategic Priorities for the period 2020/23.
- 1.5 The Report is also an opportunity for the Board to pay tribute to, and highlight the hard work of, Board partners, particularly those who have continued to deliver front line services in the context of the COVID pandemic

2. Recommendations for Decision

Cabinet **is recommended to:**

- i) Note the contents
- ii) Seek any clarity in relation to the Report

3. Purpose of this Report

- 3.1 To formally inform Cabinet of the work of the SAB
- 3.2 To invite questions and scrutiny on the Boards activities.

4. Background /Reasons for the recommendations

- 4.1 Safeguarding Annual Report 20/21 enables the Safeguarding Adults Board to share information in relation to safeguarding activity for 20/21. It highlights the achievements of partnership working and provides assurance that the partnership continues to work together to support and protect our community. This links into the priority to Create Strong and Safe Communities for our residents. The Annual Report sets out its strategic priorities for the next 3 years and the annual objectives for the next 12 months. The focus will be on the 'Relaunch' of Safeguarding which will ensure that we are a modern, efficient and effective Council.

5. Community Impact Assessment

The Community Impact Assessment identified the following key implications

- 5.1 Effective delivery of services to safeguard vulnerable adults is a critical aspect of community cohesion. The Board provides essential oversight and scrutiny of the delivery of those services and, critically, ensure that partners collaborate to improve services.
- 5.2 The Board also ensures that learning from serious incidents is identified by undertaking, where necessary, Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) or, where the criteria for a SAR is not met, a Practice Learning Review to prevent further incidents taking place which would have a negative community impact.

6 Consideration of Alternatives

- 6.1 The Report is a statutory requirement

7 Conclusions

- 7.1 The Board has carried out its statutory requirements in producing the Report

8. Implications

8.1 Legal Implications

- 8.1.1 The Report is a statutory requirement

8.2 Community Impact Assessment (CIA) Implications

N/A

8.2.1 Social Value

- 8.2.1.1N/A

8.2.2 Sustainability and Environment

8.2.2.1 N/A

8.2.3 **Health and Wellbeing**

8.2.3.1 Effective delivery of services to safeguard vulnerable adults is a critical aspect of community cohesion. The Board provides essential oversight and scrutiny of the delivery of those services and, critically, ensure that partners collaborate to improve services.

8.2.4 Equality and Human Rights

8.2.4.1 Individuals have a right to life free from abuse.

8.3 Customers and Resident

8.3.1 Promotion of safe and strong communities

8.4 Asset and Property

8.4.1 N/A

8.5 Staffing and Human Resource

8.5.1 N/A

8.6 Risks

8.6.1 N/A the report is a statutory requirement

8.7 Finance

8.7.1 The financial contributions and expenditure has been confirmed.

8.8 Policy Framework Implications

8.8.1 In line with existing policies

9. Background papers

10. Appendices

The Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21