

Cabinet
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<u>KEY DECISION</u> <i>No</i>
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ST HELENS SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

WARDS AFFECTED

All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

NO

1. PROPOSED DECISION

To note the Annual Report of St Helens Safeguarding Adults Board (2015/16).

2. RATIONALE FOR THE DECISION

The Care Act 2014 put adult safeguarding on a legal footing for the first time although the St Helens Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is an already established partnership body which brings together key agencies involved in safeguarding adults' activity in the Borough.

A Safeguarding Adult Board has three core duties, one of which is to publish an Annual Report.

3. FACTS SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED DECISION

- 3.1 The Board has been publishing an Annual Report for the past decade as the St Helens Safeguarding Board has believed it is best practice and is now a requirement.
- 3.2 The Care Act and associated guidance has created a new framework directing how agencies, more specifically Local Authorities, Clinical Commissioning groups and the Police should work together to protect adults at risk of abuse and neglect.
- 3.3 The safeguarding duties apply to an adult who has needs for care and support and as a result of those needs is unable to protect themselves from the risk or experience of abuse and neglect.

- 3.4 The report covers the financial year 2015/16 and is written in accordance with the guidance to provide an overview of Board progress in terms of implementing the Strategic Plan and providing broad performance measures, including some comments from Adults who have used the Safeguarding service.
- 3.5 Priorities for 2015/2016 are identified and these are detailed in the Board's Strategic Plan for the current year.

4. IMPLICATIONS / RELEVANCE TO MEETING SAVINGS TARGET / PLANNING FOR 2020

Not applicable.

5. RISKS

None arising directly from the report

6. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

None arising directly from the report

7. Should this Risk be added to the Corporate Risk Register?

[Yes/No] - delete as appropriate

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Legal - None arising directly from the report
Financial - None arising directly from the report
Human Resources - None arising directly from the report
Land and Property (Asset) - None
Anti-Poverty - None
Effects on existing Council Policy - None
Effects on other Council Activities - None
Human Rights - None
Equalities - None
Asset Management - None
Health - None

9. PREVIOUS APPROVAL/CONSULTATION

None

10. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS THEREOF

None

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - St Helens Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2015/2016

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following list of documents was used to complete this report and they are available for public inspection for four years from the date of the meeting, from the Contact Officer named above:

None