



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING

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Subject: Safeguarding in Sheffield: Update from the Safeguarding Boards

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Summary:

This report provides an overview of Safeguarding activity in Sheffield. Included are the priorities for 16/17 and the Annual Reports of the Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards for 2014-15. These provide the backcloth to the analysis of activity. Presenting them to the Health and Wellbeing Board underlines the accountability of the Safeguarding Boards to the people of the City.

Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- How does Safeguarding relate to the Health and Wellbeing Board's current priorities?
- Are there developments the Health and Wellbeing Board would want to see that would better align the work of the Safeguarding Boards with that of the Health and Wellbeing Board?

Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- Endorse and support the work of the Safeguarding Boards in Sheffield.
- Commit to continuing to work with the Safeguarding Boards to protect people at risk.

Background Papers:

- 2014-15 Annual Report of the Safeguarding Children Board
 - 2014-15 Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adults Board
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SAFEGUARDING IN SHEFFIELD

1.0 SUMMARY

Given the focus of the Safeguarding Boards in Sheffield on keeping children and adults safe, it is important to offer the Health and Wellbeing Board an analysis of the priorities for the next period.

Attached to this report are the Annual Reports of the Safeguarding Children and Adults boards for 2014-15. These provide the backcloth to the analysis and presenting them underlines the accountability of the safeguarding boards to the people of the City.

The leadership and governance of safeguarding is mature and enables challenge and openness. This is a solid foundation for the future and needs to be maintained in ever more difficult times.

2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SHEFFIELD PEOPLE?

The Annual Reports provide information on the Safeguarding work done in Sheffield and gives a sense of the positive difference it makes to people who are most at risk of abuse and neglect or harm. Reporting to the Health and Well Being Board is one of the ways in which the Safeguarding Partnerships inform the people of Sheffield about the work that we do and how we are accountable to them. Both Safeguarding Boards are keen to encourage and further develop links with the people of Sheffield to raise the profile of Safeguarding and to listen to what people think about our work and what our priorities should be.

3.0 SAFEGUARDING IN SHEFFIELD

3.1 Safeguarding Children

The Board arrangements for safeguarding are seen as affective and were assessed as **GOOD** by Ofsted in 2014.

This gives a sound basis for continuous improvement and a challenge to sustain best practice over time.

The themed audits of practice have created a positive multi agency learning environment. The practice recommendations become embedded learning and thereby support improvements. This programme is one example of a good standard for safeguarding children.

There are oversight responsibilities for the Child Death Overview Panel. This brings a challenge to conclude the work on the development of a suicide pathway to support practitioners. This development is also overseen by the Health and Well Being Board.

The improvements needed to enable good progression from Children to Adults services and keep people safe will need determined leadership.

The support needs into adulthood of young people who have experienced child sexual exploitation has been recognised by both safeguarding boards as a key priority.

However the development of service responses and ongoing service delivery will continue to require appropriate resources and a service design which hears the voice of the young people about what will be safe and work for them.

3.2 Safeguarding Adults

Quality and best practice audits and reviews are an emerging element in the governance of Safeguarding Adults Board work.

The programme of establishing best practice standards and personal/dignified outcomes for adults for whom a concern re abuse and safety has been raised is now firmly part of the Board Strategic Plan.

A strong wellbeing strategy has positive outcomes for people who may be vulnerable to abuse. Individual resilience and community safety awareness are key aspects of the prevention of abuse.

We have continued to work to ensure all practitioners are alert to mental capacity assessments and the protection of those without capacity is vital.

4.0 WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS AREA?

Narrowing the health gap between communities/areas of Sheffield will enable a more robust safeguarding response to children adults and family carers.

The analysis of the needs of diverse populations is part of the robust safeguarding systems. The standards of dignity and individual safety need to be fully integrated into safeguarding responses. The frequently changing picture in Sheffield needs to be understood and be part of planning responses to concerns raised in a more dynamic way.

5.0 QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD

- How does Safeguarding relate to the Health and Wellbeing Board's current priorities?
- Are there developments the Health and Wellbeing Board would want to see that would better align the work of the Safeguarding Boards with that of the Health and Wellbeing Board?

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Endorse and support the work of the Safeguarding Boards in Sheffield.
 - Commit to continuing to work with the Safeguarding Boards to protect people at risk.
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