

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	LOCAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15		
DATE OF DECISION:	23 JULY 2015		
REPORT OF:	INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE LSAB		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
None

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report introduces the 2014/15 Local Safeguarding Adults Board's ['LSAB'] annual report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Panel review the 2014/15 Annual report and note:

- (i) The LSAB underwent a peer review in 2014-15 which concluded its structure and membership ensured it would comply with the new legal duties introduced by the Care Act 2014; the reviewers praised the good multi-agency ownership at a senior level, found partners were being held to account by LSAB and that partners '*contribute equally and fully participated*' and were "*driven to improve and modernize services.*"
- (ii) Agree any feedback on the achievements in the last year and future priorities for the LSAB as set out in the Strategic plan [Appendix B].
- (iii) Consider and agree if there are any matters arising within the annual report or strategic plan that the Panel would like to receive further information on as part of its future work programme.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel has requested the LSAB report on the activity of the Board each year.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. Not applicable

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The LSAB are still awaiting final data from SCC regarding the safeguarding activity carried out by the Adult Social Care [ASC] teams and so the report is not yet finalised. However, SCC and all partners have reported key data during the course of 2014-15 which has informed the work of this board and

is used within this report.

4. There has been a significant increase in concerns raised (237% from 2013-14). Of those only 10% went on to full safeguarding enquiries. As is noted the repeat referral rate remains high (estimated at 23%) so the LSAB are working with SCC and the Safeguarding Adults Team [SAT] to explore this in more detail to ensure screening is appropriate and safeguarding interventions are effective at reducing or removing risk.
5. The low conversion rate together with a high repeat referral rate, and a reduction in the percentage of concerns raised coming from the public, demonstrate a very critical need for effective awareness raising campaigns. The strategic plan sets out what work the LSAB and sub groups, particularly the Community Engagement and Awareness sub group, will do in the coming year to address these issues.
6. The LSAB has received regular reports on the quality of health and registered social care provision within Southampton. The Board has also reviewed the contract monitoring arrangements undertaken by commissioners and, as part of this, safeguarding expectations imposed under any contracts so that the Board can be assured that safeguarding plays a pivotal role within contract monitoring and commissioners actively quality assure services in the area. The Panel are asked to note the improvements in commissioned services reported during 2014-15.
7. The Panel is asked to note the significant increase in activity to authorise deprivations of liberty (594%), required as a consequence of legal clarification following a Supreme Court ruling in March 2014 and the steps taken by partners to address this. It should be noted that this has had an impact nationally, leading to recommendations by the Law Commission that the law be amended. Panel should note that Southampton LSAB have offered to host a consultation event on the proposed legal changes and are closely monitoring partners to ensure adults are not unnecessarily or unlawfully deprived of their liberty.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

8. None.

Property/Other

9. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

10. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

11. The Care Act 2014 requires Southampton City Council establish a LSAB and

provides for accountability of the Independent Chair to the Chief Executive of the Local Authority.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

12. None.

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	LSAB Draft Annual Report 2014/15
2.	LSAB Strategic Plan 2015/16

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

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