### KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

MEETING DATE: 30 January 2020

TITLE OF PAPER: Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018 - 2019

## 1. Purpose of paper

1.1 To present the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19 to help shape the understanding and partnership response to key strategic issues, and to ensure that the board can help drive an issue across the partnership to establish and maintain delivery.

1.2 It is of strategic importance to all to further develop a shared understanding of the board's responsibilities and priorities and promote a relationship where issues of common interest and concern are shared and challenged, in a constructive and mutually supportive way.

# 2. Background

- 2.1 The Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) is a statutory strategic partnership which brings together the main organisations working with adults at risk of abuse or neglect. Hence, its membership includes: the Council, West Yorkshire Police, NHS organisations and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Its core purpose is to help and protect adults at risk in its area.
- 2.2 In 2015 the board appointed its first Independent Chair and, in accordance with Care Act guidance, the Independent Chair of the KSAB reports quarterly to the Council's Chief Executive on the work of the board.
- 2.3 The arrangements for lay membership on the Board had been strengthened and recruited a second lay member. The aim was to give greater emphasis to this role and its value in providing critical challenge to decision-making, provide a service user and carer perspective and play an active role in the work of the Board, including supporting our Independent Chair at number of high profile events. One lay member was also on the Board of Healthwatch and was able to provide useful links to that organisation. Tragically we lost a long-standing lay member through illness and attempts to recruit were unsuccessful. This has led us to reconsider the Board approach to engagement and there is now consideration to establish a more formal reference group including users by experience.
- 2.4 The Peer Challenge in 2018 was positive about the board fulfilling its leadership and strategic functions but did highlight the need to strengthen the key area of alignment of the strategic work of the board with its translation into front line practice. Therefore, to supplement the current twice-yearly themed network events and the board's newsletter, the board is now facilitating and supporting practitioner forums plus also offering opportunities for practitioners to attend and observe board meetings as part of their continued professional development.
- 2.5 Individual Board members take responsibility for reporting through their own organisations, including the submission of annual progress reports to their executive management body/board. This is to ensure that Adult Safeguarding requirements are integrated into their organisation's overall approach to service provision and service development.
- 2.6 Each organisation actively plans and monitors its work around safeguarding, which contributes to evidence for the Board's performance framework and the Board's annual challenge event. The Board seeks assurance for their approach to safeguarding adults through the board meetings, delivery group, sub groups and challenge events.
- 2.7 The principal purpose of the Board's annual report is to identify progress made over the past 12 months against the intentions laid out in the Board's Strategic Plan (which is a rolling 3-year plan updated annually alongside the Board's annual report), which lays out the board's work programme for the next 12 months.

## 3. Proposal

- 3.1 The document is being presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board as it is the forum where key leaders from the health and social care system in Kirklees work together to improve the health and wellbeing of the people in their area, reduce health inequalities and promote the integration of services.
- 3.2 As part of this role the Health and Wellbeing Board receives the KSAB Annual which helps to further develop a shared understanding of the Board's responsibilities and priorities and promote a relationship where issues of common interest and concern are shared and challenged, in a constructive and mutually supportive way.

## 4. Financial Implications

None

## 5. Sign off

Richard Parry, Strategic Director for Adults and Health, Kirklees Council

## 6. Next Steps

- 6.1 The report will be presented to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel on 24th March 2020. The Panel, which is made up of democratically elected members and members of the public who volunteer to sit with Councillors on the Panel, has the powers to:
- Hold decision makers to account
- Challenge and improve performance
- Support improvement that achieves better outcomes and value for money
- Influence decision makers with evidence-based recommendations
- Bring in the views and evidence of stakeholders, users and citizens
- 6.2 Panel members have a unique role to act across the whole health and social care economy. They are responsible for holding decision makers (i.e. the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS England and providers), to account.

### 7. Recommendations

To receive the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19.

#### 8. Contact Officer

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