KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

MEETING DATE: 31st March 2022

TITLE OF PAPER: Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020 - 2021

1. Purpose of paper

1.1 To present the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21 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. In January 2020 the Board undertook recruitment for a new chair which was unsuccessful. The post was subsequently readvertised in early 2021 and the Board was successful in this appointing a New Independent Chair in April 2021.
- 2.3 The Peer challenge the Board commissioned in 2018/19 asked the Board to consider elected member representation as "elected members can bring an important dimension to promote the work of safeguarding voice and act as a conduit to communication with local communities". The Board was in agreement and, approached Cllr Musarrat Khan to sit on the Board. She sits on the Board as a key member of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Cllr Khan continues to be a regular attendee and active member of the Board.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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, subgroups and challenge events.
- 2.6 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

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4. Financial Implications

None

5. Sign off

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

6. Next Steps

- 6.1 The report was presented to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel on 10th March 2022. 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 2020/21.

8. Contact Officer

Robert McCulloch-Graham, Independent Chair, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board.