

Name of Meeting: HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: 5th April 2023

Title of report: KIRKLEES SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose of Report: To present the 2021/2022 Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or a saving of £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (Key Decisions and Private Reports)?	N/A
The Decision - Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	N/A
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> and name	Richard Parry –
Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director for Financial Management, IT, Risk and Performance?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director, Legal, Governance and Monitoring	N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Musarrat Khan, Portfolio Holder for Health and Care

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: Consultation with Ward Councillors is not applicable to this report

Public or private: Public

1. **Summary**

1.1 **The Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board**

- 1.1.1 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: Kirklees Council, West Yorkshire Police, NHS organisations, public health and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Its core purpose is to help and protect adults at risk in its area.
- 1.1.2 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. The Board appointed a New Independent Chair to replace the Board's retiring chair whose contract ended in March 2021.
- 1.1.3 The Board took a more integrated approach to working with the Kirklees Community Board Partners and Kirklees Children Safeguarding Partnership to help plan and deliver Safeguarding week 2022. It is hoped that this partnership planning group will evolve into an Engagement Steering Group for the Board in 2022/23, building on a firm foundation and collaborative approach to addressing safeguarding

promotion/messaging. This work stream continues with the work of Interboard.

- 1.1.4 The vision for Kirklees is to be a district which combines a strong, sustainable economy with a great quality of life - leading to thriving communities, growing businesses, high prosperity and low inequality where people enjoy better health throughout their lives. The Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board supports the vision and the shared outcomes, with a key contribution towards the outcome "People in Kirklees live in cohesive communities, feel safe and are protected from harm"
- 1.1.5 Each organisation actively plans and monitors its work around safeguarding, which contributes to evidence for the Board's performance framework, each partner submits an Agency Highlight Report to the Quality and Performance Subgroup which details safeguarding and work stream activity from the last quarter. The Board seeks assurance for their approach to safeguarding adults through the board meetings, delivery group, subgroups and challenge events.
- 1.2 At the beginning of 2021-22 the Board took a different approach to agreeing shared objectives, concentrating on a number of areas of focus which had multi-agency priority importance, and which comply with our strategic priorities and cross-cutting themes. The Board continues to have full partner consultation working on our shared areas of need.

The agreed shared objectives for 2021-22 were:

Building a confident workforce

Learning from the experience of Covid

Improved communication across the partnership

Active listening

- 1.3 Our vision is 'To work together to take action to keep the people of Kirklees safe from abuse and neglect - putting people at the heart of everything we do'. Seeking assurance that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.

1.4 Why is the KSAB Annual Report being presented to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel?

- 1.4.1 Scrutiny Panel is made up of democratically elected members and members of the public who volunteer to sit with Councillors on the Panel. 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
- 1.4.2 Panel members have a unique role to act across the whole health and social care economy. They are responsible for holding decision makers (ie the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Council, Integrated Care Board, NHS England and providers), to account.
- 1.4.3 In fulfilling part of their role the Panel receives the KSAB Annual Report and Strategic Plan.

1.5 Health and Wellbeing Board

- 1.5.1 The KSAB Annual Report was submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on Thursday 30th March 2023.
- 1.5.2 The HWB 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.
- 1.5.3 As part of this role the HWB receives the KSAB Annual Report 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.

2. Information required to take a decision

The KSAB Annual Report is being presented for information.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention

Early Intervention and Prevention is a key aspect of the board's work.

3.2 Economic Resilience

Not applicable.

3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children

Not applicable.

3.4 Reducing Demand for Services

Not applicable.

3.5 Legal/Financial or Human Resources

Not applicable.

4. Consultees and their opinions

The KSAB Annual Report was written in consultation with KSAB Board members.

5. Next steps

Not applicable.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the 2021/2022 Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report be received.

7. Cabinet Portfolio holder recommendation

Councillor Musarrat Khan, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care:

The work of the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board is vital in making sure partner agencies across Kirklees have adequate processes in place to protect the most vulnerable residents in our communities. I support the work of the board that enables residents to remain safe and well and I endorse this annual report.

8. Contact Officer

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

9. **Background papers and history of decisions**

Not applicable.

10. **Service Director responsible**

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