

<b>KIRKLEES HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING BOARD</b>	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<b>TITLE OF PAPER:</b>	<b>Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report</b>
<b>1. Purpose of paper</b>	To present the <a href="#">Kirklees Annual Report 2024-25</a>
<b>2. Background</b>	<p>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. Hosted by the Local Authority, its membership includes: the Council, West Yorkshire Police and Integrated Care Board, with further membership from NHS organisations, Housing, public health, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and a representative from independent providers. The Board has now welcomed a new member to represent Probation. Its core purpose is to help and protect adults at risk in its area.</p> <p>2.2 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 subgroup also looks at multiagency audits, triangulating additional work required in to the other subgroups when required.</p> <p>2.3 The Board seeks assurance for each organisations approach to safeguarding adults through the Boards Annual Challenge Event and Substructures. The Strategic Delivery Group membership includes colleagues from other Strategic Partnerships such as The Kirklees Community Safety Partnership and Kirklees Children Safeguarding Partnership. Members from these partnerships also attend the Boards subgroups to ensure information is shared across the 3 boards.</p> <p>2.4 The KSAB annual report outlines the work undertaken by all of our partners to improve the lives of our citizens, to remove risk and encourage our communities to thrive. In so doing we continue to assure ourselves that our practices are relevant and safeguard those adults in need.</p> <p>2.5 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</p> <p>2.6 At the beginning of 2024 the Board agreed the following 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.</p> <p>The agreed shared objectives for 2024-25 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the workforce</li> <li>Learning from Experience</li> <li>Partnership Working</li> </ul>

## Community and Public Engagement

It also looked forward to the new areas we committed to exploring in our 2025-26 Annual Report, including:

- Transitions
- Domestic Abuse
- Work with Families and Households
- Community Work and Community Networks
- Managing with Fewer Resources and Reduced Capacity

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'.

2.7 The Annual Report is being shared for information to the Health and Well-being Board.

### **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 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.

### **4. Financial Implications**

None

### **5. Sign off**

Michelle Cross, Executive Director for Adults and Health, Kirklees Council

### **6. Next Steps**

The Annual Report has already been signed off by the members of the Board and is Published on the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Webpages.

### **7. Recommendations**

To receive the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2024/25.

### **8. Contact Officer**

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