

TITLE OF REPORT: **Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report (2018/19) and Strategic Plan**

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) statutory Annual Report 2018/19 and the Strategic Plan 2019/2024.

Background

1. The Care Act 2014 enshrined in law the principles of Safeguarding Adults and the Safeguarding Adults Board subsequently became a statutory body in April 2015. The Care Act states that a Safeguarding Adults Board must:
 - publish a strategic plan for each financial year.
 - publish an annual report which details how the Board and its members achieved the objectives as identified within the strategic plan
2. The Gateshead Safeguarding Adults Board is independently chaired by Sir Paul Ennals. The Gateshead SAB continues to provide leadership, accountability and vision for safeguarding adults. The Board has a strong commitment to working together, holding each other to account and seeking to learn and improve together. It has been a year of change throughout many of the partner organisations that make up SAB and a number of changes to Board representatives. Despite this, along with ongoing public-sector austerity measures, the Annual Report illustrates that good progress has been made.

Annual Report 2018/19

3. The SAB 2018/19 Annual Report provides a policy context and an overview of the SAB Structure, governance and scrutiny arrangements and performance information. Key achievements of the SAB during 2018/19 are documented within the report and are aligned to the five Strategic Priorities. These include:
 - Adult Sexual Exploitation practice guidance and implementation of the Adult Missing, Sexually Exploited and Trafficked group
 - Development of a case file audit tool
 - Successful joint Adverse Childhood Experiences conference with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Public Health
 - Delivery of bespoke training courses, including voluntary sector management trustees and resident groups

- Launch of Safeguarding in Gateshead website www.gatesheadsafeguarding.gov.uk and @Gatesheadsafe twitter account
- Development of the Gateshead Multi-Agency Adult Referral Team (MAART)
- Maintaining compliance with Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Strategic Plan 2019/24

4. The SAB Strategic Plan 2019/24 was developed following a period of consultation involving service users, key partners and providers. Importantly, the Strategic Plan also focuses upon areas of work identified from local and national Safeguarding Adult Reviews and other inquiries. The consultation identified that the five SAB strategic priorities that had been in place since 2016 remained fit for purpose for 2019-24, those are:
 - Quality Assurance
 - Prevention
 - Community Engagement and Communication
 - Improved Operational Practice
 - Implementing Mental Capacity Act / Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.
5. Each strategic priority is accompanied by a series of key actions that the Board are committing to deliver during the five-year period. The Strategic Plan is supported by an annual business plan to assist the SAB Executive Group to prioritise workstreams and keep on track with delivery. The Plan will be refreshed on an annual basis to ensure that new legislation and emerging issues are reflected and that the Strategic Priorities remain fit for purpose.

Recommendation

6. The committee is asked to consider and comment on the Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2018/19 and Strategic Plan 2019/24.