

Cabinet

Meeting to be held on 8 October 2015

Report of the Corporate Director, Operations and Delivery

Electoral Divisions affected: All

Lancashire Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2014/15

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Lancashire County Council is a prominent member agency of Lancashire Safeguarding Adult Board (LSAB). This report sets out the Annual Report of the Lancashire Safeguarding Adult Board for 2014-15. This report is produced in line with the views expressed by the Board members.

The report notes a number of strong indications that some previously identified areas of risk have reduced and acknowledges a number of strengths in respect of the Board itself. A number of key areas for further consideration remain as detailed in the appendix to this report.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to consider the content of the Annual Report and identify any areas it may wish to comment on and any action it may wish to take.

Background and Advice

Since April 2015 the LSAB has a statutory responsibility to ensure the effectiveness of work undertaken by its member and partner agencies to safeguard adults in Lancashire. This Annual Report reflects on the work undertaken in this regard in Lancashire for the 2014-15 financial year. The report is attached at Appendix 'A' for information. The guidance which the Board follows states Local Authorities should consider appointing an Independent Chair. Lancashire has an Independent Chair who has the responsibility, amongst others, to promote good practice and collaborative working. The Chair of the Board is accountable to the Council's Chief Executive who is, in turn, responsible for ensuring its effectiveness.

Protocols are in place which establish the relationship between the LSAB, the healthy economy, Police and other partners.

The Director of Adult Services is a member of the LSAB, the Lead Member for Health has also attended. Cabinet will see that a great deal of effective work to safeguard adults has taken place during the last twelve months which include but not restricted to:

- The County Council signing up to Unison's Ethical Care Charter which sets out the minimum standards for care at home
- The *Good neighbours Stop Rogue Traders* campaign which invites neighbours to give postcards with their contact details on to elderly or vulnerable neighbours. This postcard may be displayed on the front door
- During 2014-15 the CCGs started *quality walk rounds/safeguarding assurance visits*. These visits are both announced and unannounced
- Involvement in the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) project *Making Safeguarding Personal* (MSP)
- Across health services Lancashire has a 91% rating of fully trained staff in safeguarding adults.

Adult Social Care has recently signed up to a trial of an adults risk awareness tool. This tool will identify the nature of risks Authorities are facing. It will be the responsibility of the Director of Adult Services to complete with support from colleagues in commissioning, performance and the LSAB.

However, there are several areas that the LSAB remains concerned about and these are stated actions for 2015-16:

- ensure routine reporting and analysis of adult safeguarding data at each SAB meeting; and challenge agencies to describe their actions and learning in terms of providing referrers with feedback which does not breach confidentiality
- considering ways of re-invigorating commitment to the work of the three Leadership groups
- ensuring that Lancashire's Safeguarding Adults website reflects and enlarges on information featuring in the local press, regional and national news broadcasts
- to secure funding to support the SAB and Safeguarding Adult Reviews; to ensure that summaries of all forms of reviews are circulated to SAB members

The LSAB will continue to work with partner agencies to address all areas for development identified in the Annual Report and Lancashire County Council is a key organisation in all this work.

The Board has four long-term priorities, namely:

- 1) To **provide strategic leadership** and **seek assurance of safeguarding quality and performance activity** across Lancashire, that is, our interventions are appropriate, proportionate and person-centred
- 2) To **work closely with all multi-agency partners and strategic boards to reflect our learning**, provide strategic vision across Lancashire and set clear and achievable aims and priorities

- 3) To ensure that SAB members, partners and agencies **share a common understanding** of what constitutes abuse and can recognise risk factors and the situations that should be reported
- 4) To ensure that the SAB has strategic links to **promote early intervention** to prevent harm and supports the creation of vigilant services and communities

Consultations

The LSAB has consulted with all partner organisations in the preparation for the Annual Report.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

There are no additional direct implications for finance or human resource management further to those already provided by LCC and partner agencies for LSAB purposes;

Risk management

All partner agencies need to be fully engaged with services and support to safeguard adults in order that they are happy, healthy and safe from harm.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Lancashire Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2014/15	September 2015	Paul Hegarty/01772 538352

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A