

Thursday 14th November 2013	ITEM: 7
Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board	
SAFEGUARDING ADULTS ANNUAL REPORT AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD SAFEGUARDING PROTOCOL	
Report of: Fran Leddra- Service Manager Adult Social Care –Safeguarding Lead	
Accountable Director: Roger Harris	
This report is: Public	
Purpose of Report: To present the Safeguarding Annual Report 2012/13; and to present for approval the Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board’s Safeguarding Protocol.	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached is a copy of Thurrock Annual Safeguarding Report 2012/13 and the Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board Safeguarding Protocol.

The Protocol sets out the relationship between Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board and Thurrock’s two Safeguarding Boards: Thurrock Local Children’s Safeguarding Board (LSCB), and Thurrock Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board (TASPB).

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1.1 That the Board receive the report and note the achievements and performance of Adult Safeguarding in Thurrock.

1.2 That the Board agree the Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board Safeguarding Protocol.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

2.1 This report provides a background to safeguarding work in Thurrock and a summary of the work undertaken by the Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board (TASPB) and Adult Safeguarding Team within the period April 2012 to March 2013.

The TASPB brings together representatives of the main agencies in the statutory, voluntary and independent sector, responsible for working with and providing services for vulnerable adults.

The Board is an inter-agency forum that works together in co-operation to safeguard vulnerable adults from abuse, ensuring that services provided are of a high standard and that arrangements work effectively.

In Thurrock we are working closely with all our partners to protect vulnerable people from abuse and we recognise and acknowledge the vital contribution made by staff from a wide and diverse range of statutory, private, voluntary and charitable organisations, in detecting and reporting abusive behaviours and practices. It is these staff, through their hard work, skilful intervention, commitment and courage that have resulted in positive outcomes for a large number of vulnerable people, their family, carers and relatives. This Annual report reflects all contributions from our partners.

- 2.2 The Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board Safeguarding Protocol outlines the Board's relationship with the two safeguarding boards (TASPB and LCSB), and also sets out the role and responsibilities of the Health and Wellbeing Board with regards to safeguarding. The Protocol also describes the role and relationship of overview and scrutiny in relation to safeguarding, the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the two safeguarding Boards.
- 2.3 The Protocol has been agreed by both Safeguarding Boards. How the Protocol will be implemented is described in section 5 – 'Operational Arrangements'. One of the ways in which the Protocol will be implemented is the presentation of each Safeguarding Board's annual plan to the Board. The Health and Wellbeing Board will also be expected to identify and consider its own safeguarding arrangements – e.g. in relations to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and forward plan. The Board will wish to seek the views and input of both Safeguarding Boards as appropriate and as relevant.

3. ISSUES, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Safeguarding referrals have increased each year since the establishment of Thurrock safeguarding team in 2008. We reported in 2008/9 196 referrals, in 2012/13 we report 485 referrals. The report attached details all safeguarding activity. Of particular interest to the Board may be the statistics and reporting on pages 11-16 of appendix 1.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- 4.1 Thurrock is required to produce an annual safeguarding report. This has been agreed and signed off at TSAPB
- 4.2 The Board needs to ensure that it is clear about its role and responsibilities with regards to safeguarding. The Board also needs to ensure that its role and responsibilities do not get confused with those of both Safeguarding Boards. For these reasons, it is important to have a protocol in place that both establishes the role and responsibilities of the Board, and also identifies the relationship it will have with the two Safeguarding Boards.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

6.1 The Annual Report and Protocol help contribute towards the community strategy and corporate priority of 'Improve Health and Wellbeing', and also 'To Build Pride, Responsibility and Respect to Create Safer Communities'.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial

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There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7.2 Legal

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There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

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There are no diversity and equality implications noted in this report.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental

none

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

None.

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- Appendix 1 – Adult Safeguarding Annual Report 2012-2013
- Appendix 2 – Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board Safeguarding Protocol

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