

6 December 2011		ITEM 7
Health & Well-being Overview & Scrutiny Committee		
Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Update		
Report of: Les Billingham Head of Adult Services		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: To Receive the Safeguarding Adults Annual report	
Accountable Head of Service: Les Billingham Head of Adult Services		
Accountable Director: Jo Olsson- Director People Services		
This report is public		
Purpose of Report: This is the presentation of the Safeguarding Adults Annual report 201/11 and a brief update position on key developments and data since April 2011.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Annual report is produced annually as recommended by the Care Quality Commission and The Adult Directors of Social Services. The report includes contributions from partner agencies and was signed off by the Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board in October 2011.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 For Overview and Scrutiny to receive the Adult Safeguarding Annual Report and a brief update of current position and headlines of work since April 2011**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

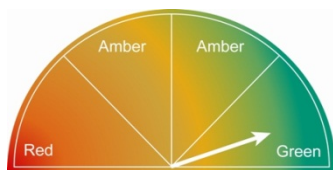
Key headlines are:

1. There continues to be a year by year increase in referrals and 348 referrals were made during 2010/11 up from 283 in 2009/10 and 196 in 2008/09. The increase in referrals is a as a direct response to raising awareness across partner agencies and also the public.

2. 70% of referrals are for people over 65 years of age. 12% of referrals related to those with a physical disability, 10% with a learning disability and 13 % for those with mental health or dementia
3. Data collected regarding referral by types of abuse shows that 33% of referrals were for Neglect, 27% financial abuse, 23% physical abuse, 15% emotional abuse and 2% sexual abuse.
4. The ratio of female victims to male was over double at 235 and 113 respectively. (68 %.)
5. 549 professionals across social care, health, voluntary organisations and independent sector have attended our basic awareness training. We continue to also train providers in delivering the training to their own staff.
6. Working with our partner agencies has been strong in 2010/11 with significant increase in referrals from all.

2.1 Since April 2011 we have continued to see a growth in referrals of 31% and in particular an increase in referrals for young men with learning disabilities. We believe this to be a direct result of the work of our Stay Safe group which is co-ordinated with the Community Safety Team which educates adults with Learning disabilities to remain safe in the community. Key areas of strength have been improved partnership working across police, trading standards, fire service and independent sectors and health resulting in the increase in referrals and the timely response to investigations.

2.2 An independent Audit of Adult Safeguarding processes found that the service was offering



Taking account of the issues identified, the Board can take substantial assurance that the controls upon which the organisation relies to manage this risk are suitably designed, consistently applied and effective.

2.3 The above conclusions feeding into the overall assurance level are based on the evidence obtained during the review. The key findings from this review are as follows:

- There are adequate and up-to-date policy and procedure documents in place, which incorporate arrangements for multi-agency working.
- The Council's Workforce Planning & Development team provides or co-ordinates training in safeguarding not only to its own staff, but to other agencies such as care homes and voluntary organisations. This takes the form of either classroom training or new online modules. The latter can only be completed once the user takes a comprehension test and achieves no less than 95%.

- The Council works to raise the awareness of safeguarding issues among the general public by presentations at community events and having guidance and a reporting facility displayed clearly on its website.
- The Council's multi-agency approach to safeguarding adults is indicated by the fact that reports of safeguarding concerns recorded in the past year have come from many sources, e.g. care homes, social workers, the police, the coroner and the Council's Finance team.

The business plan in the annual report shows the Boards aims till April 2012.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

N/A

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 4.1 All key partners have contributed to the annual report as evidenced in its content.

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

- 5.1 Safeguarding adult's procedures including the production of an annual report are part of national policy. The recent external audit of Adult Safeguarding provides reassurance to members that the services we are providing are robust and that this offers community protection.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

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There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

6.2 Legal

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There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.3 **Diversity and Equality**

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

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

N/A

7. **CONCLUSION**

7.1 Please find attached the Thurrock Council Adult Safeguarding Annual Report for 2010/11.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- N/A

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- Thurrock Council Adult Safeguarding Annual Report 2010/11
- The full Adult Safeguarding External Audit Report

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