

12 November 2013		ITEM: 8
Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Safeguarding Adults Annual Report		
Report of: Fran Leddra- Service Manager Adult Social Care –Safeguarding Lead		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-key	
Accountable Head of Service: Les Billingham, Head of Adult Social Care		
Accountable Director: Roger Harris, Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: To present the Adult Safeguarding Annual Report 2012-13.		

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Thurrock's Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board works with agencies to improve practice, reports and responses to adult abuse and ensures that our policies and procedures underpin and provide a solid framework for the protection of vulnerable adults in our community.

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.

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1.1 That the Committee receive the report and note the achievements and performance of Adult Safeguarding in Thurrock.**

### **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.

### **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

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

- 6.1 The Annual Report helps 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

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