



Derby City Council

ADULTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD
23 September 2013

ITEM 8

Report of the Strategic Director of Adults Health and Housing

Derby Safeguarding Adults at Risk Board's Annual Report 2012/13 and Action Plan 2013/15

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Some adults have increased levels of vulnerability for reasons of age, disability or because of other factors that increase their risk of being affected by abuse or neglect. The Council and key partners have a statutory obligation to ensure these individuals are kept safe.
- 1.2 This report asks the board to consider current performance in safeguarding adults who may be at risk, as well as partnership plans to improve the systems and joint-working across the city to keep people safe.
- 1.3 Leadership in the safeguarding of adults is delivered via a multi-agency board with an independent chair. These arrangements, and the Council's lead role within them, are set out in section 4.1 of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The board is invited to consider and comment on the Derby Safeguarding Adults at Risk Board's Annual Report and 2013-15 Action Plan 2013/15.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Safeguarding adults is one of the highest strategic priorities for Adults, Health and Housing and therefore for the Council as a whole.
- 3.2 It is important for the board to be able to scrutinise Derby's recent performance in safeguarding adults and the plans that are in place to deliver continual improvement.
- 3.3 The Care Bill 2013, which is currently passing through parliament, will put the Safeguarding Board onto a statutory footing, further raising the profile of Safeguarding Adults at Risk. The Council will remain the lead agency with Health and the Police being the other key statutory partners.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Derby Safeguarding Adults Board is an arrangement of statutory and non-statutory agencies that work together to safeguard adults at risk of abuse or neglect and both promote and safeguard people's rights under the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS). The Council is the lead agency supporting the Safeguarding Board, other agencies represented being:
- Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
 - Derbyshire Health United
 - Derbyshire Constabulary
 - Derbyshire Probation Service
 - East Midlands Ambulance Service
 - Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
 - City and Neighbourhood Partnership
 - Derby Homes

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Operating without a Safeguarding Adults Board would deprive Derby of strategic capacity to coordinate safeguarding concerns in partnership. The most serious safeguarding failures are most often the result of organisations failing to work appropriately together to share information and make decisions in the interests of adults who are at risk.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Estates/Property officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	Phil Holmes
Other(s)	N/A

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - Annual Report 2012/13 Appendix 3 - Action Plan 2013/2015

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The Council funds a Safeguarding Team to administer and project-manage the Board as well as coordinate the Council's own safeguarding activity. The 2013-14 budget for this team is £295,074. The Council has historically received a contribution of £26,172 from the old Primary Care Trust for this activity, but is about to renegotiate partnership contributions with the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group and other key agencies.

Legal

- 2.1 The Care Bill 2012 will place Safeguarding Adults Board on a statutory footing, making a duty for the Council to investigate when concerns are raised about the abuse or neglect of Adults at Risk.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 The Derby Plan key objective is to ensure that people are safe and feel safe.