

ADULT CARE AND WELL BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 21 NOVEMBER 2016

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

Summary

1. The Independent Chair of the Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) has been invited to discuss progress and developments in safeguarding vulnerable adults in Worcestershire. This will include the Board's Annual Report 2015-2016.
2. The Director of Adult Services and the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Adult Social Care have also been invited.

Background

3. Safeguarding vulnerable adults is an important and ongoing part of the work of the Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
4. The Care Act 2014 placed safeguarding adults on a statutory footing for the first time and made safeguarding boards a legal requirement, although Worcestershire's Board has been in place for several years. The Panel received a briefing in January 2015 on the changes that had been made to ensure that the Safeguarding Adults Board meets the requirements of the Care Act, under its Independent Chair Kathy McAteer.
5. This will be the Panel's third update with the Chair and the 2015/16 Annual Report covers first full year of the Board operating within the new statutory requirements.
6. Regular meetings have taken place between the Panel and the Safeguarding Board Chair since the Panel's more in-depth scrutiny review of safeguarding adults in 2011, which recommended regular dialogue between this Panel, the Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board Chair and the Director and Cabinet Member, as part of the Panel's monitoring role.

Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015-16

7. Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015-16 will be available on the County Council's website [here](#) Copies will be circulated separately to members of the Scrutiny Panel.
8. Discussion of the Annual Report provides the Panel with an opportunity to verify that systems across Worcestershire, including those of the County Council are working well to safeguard Worcestershire's vulnerable adults. Discussions also enable the Panel to keep up to date with safeguarding statistics and trends, and to

explore any issues identified through serious case reviews, and also through the Panel's own scrutiny work.

9. Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Annual Report is also presented to Council.

Purpose of the meeting

10. The Panel has the opportunity to:

- understand and discuss key safeguarding statistics from this year's Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board's report
- identify any further information needs or potential areas for scrutiny

Supporting Information

Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015-16 – copies have been circulated to the Panel, and the report will be available on the County Council's website: [here](#)

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of the Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 22 January and 13 October 2015 and 5 September 2013
- Safeguarding Adults Scrutiny Report November 2011
http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/3280/safeguarding_adults