

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD
23 FEBRUARY 2021****WORCESTERSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD
(WSAB) THEMATIC SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEW
INTO ROUGH SLEEPING**

Board Sponsor

Strategic Director for People

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then on down arrow)**Priorities**

Mental health & well-being

Yes

Being Active

No

Reducing harm from Alcohol

Yes

Other (specify below) Homelessness

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children

No

If yes please give details

Impact on Safeguarding Adults

Yes

If yes please give details

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Consideration

Recommendation

1. **The Health and Well-being Board is asked to:**
 - a) **Consider the recommendations made in the attached Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review which are of relevance to their strategic oversight; and**
 - b) **Provide assurance on how they can work with the relevant organisations to take them forward.**

Background

2. In September 2020 WSAB formally signed off a Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) on Rough Sleepers. The SAR, which was undertaken by an independent author, examined the circumstances of 5 rough sleepers from across the county, four of whom had tragically died. The terms of reference for this review can be found on page 6 of the published SAR. The link to the SAR can be found in the appendices

section below.

3. This SAR took a strengths-based approach and throughout the review the author sought to engage stakeholders from across all sectors who work with the homeless and rough sleepers, particularly those organisations that had worked with the subjects of this review.

4. The learning and recommendations from the review can be found from page 29 onwards. Whilst there are not any direct recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board, with most being directed at the WSAB and Worcestershire Strategic Housing Partnership (WSHP), there are some which will fall within the domain of health services commissioning, which sit within the remit and interest of this Board. (For example – 1c, 2b, 6 a&b, 10a, 18)

5. It is recognised that many of these are already moving forward through different forums and task groups, particularly since the onset of Covid-19 which facilitated the opportunity to bring the work in relation to rough sleepers together.

6. Whilst the WSAB does not have a mandate to direct that these recommendations are upheld it does have a duty to seek assurance as to whether they are being addressed and ascertain the reason why some may not be progressed.

7. The WSAB acknowledges that some of these recommendations will be dependent on input and/or resources being provided through forums and organisations outside of the Health and Wellbeing Boards domain, including the WSAB and WSHP. The WSAB have already shared the recommendations of this SAR with the WSHP and have begun working alongside them to take these forward.

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Supporting Information

- [Link to Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review into Rough Sleepers](#)

Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Strategic Director for People) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.