

Adult Social Care Committee

Item No:

Report title:	Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015-16
Date of meeting:	5 September 2016
Responsible Chief Officer:	Catherine Underwood, Acting Executive Director of Adult Social Services

Strategic impact

The annual report at Appendix A summarises the work of the Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board during 2015-16.

It illustrates the delivery by the multi-agency partnership of the statutory requirements for safeguarding adults as set out in the Care Act.

The local authority along with the police and health commission form the three statutory partners for safeguarding adults, with the local authority holding lead responsibility.

Publication of an annual report is a statutory requirement (14.136 Care Act Guidance 2016).

Executive summary

Key achievements over the last year as detailed in the report are:

- a) 4,702 users of the NSAB website between April 2015 and 31 March 2016
- b) Safeguarding Adults Survey carried out in May-June 2015 with 853 responses
- c) Joint children and adults safeguarding leaflet produced for local taxi drivers in Broadland
- d) Safeguarding leaflet added to Norfolk County Council's Norfolk First Support Service Customer Information Guide (4,000 copies issued)
- e) Briefed Norfolk County Councillors about adult safeguarding at full council meeting in October 2015
- f) NSAB's first Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week, 7-11 September 2015, included distribution of 10,000 leaflets and promotional pens to members of the public; a seminar with Clare Crawley, Senior Policy Manager - Adult Safeguarding (Department of Health); and a seminar on safeguarding and dementia hosted by Eastern Locality Safeguarding Adults Partnership
- g) Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) for Mr AA published on 11 November 2015
- h) Chair and/or Board Manager regularly attended the Health & Wellbeing Board, County Board for the Rehabilitation of Offenders, the county Honour Based Abuse Partnership, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board (DASV)
- i) Board Manager sat on domestic homicide review panels
- j) Business Manager chaired a national one day conference on Safeguarding Enquiries and Safeguarding Adults Reviews
- k) NSAB supported a number of voluntary and community sector organisations in reviewing their safeguarding adults policy

The report set out work to raise the profile for safeguarding adults across partner organisations and with the public, in particular the use of the first awareness week (September 2015)* proved successful. However it illustrates how much more work there needs to be done to really embed the widest possible understanding and knowledge of safeguarding adults across all of Norfolk's community.

NSAB published one Safeguarding Adults Review in the period covered by this report for Mr AA. Mr AA was a Norfolk resident, aged 42 years. He was diagnosed as living with paranoid schizophrenia and had received mental health services over a long period of time. At the beginning of 2014 he went into a period of decline and died in a Suffolk hospital in January 2014. The cause of death was bronchopneumonia, but concerns were raised about the intervention he received up until the time of his death. The SAR was commissioned with Suffolk Safeguarding Adult Board. An action plan is being implemented.

The most significant problem for NSAB remains capacity to deal with all the work required to improve safeguarding for adults in Norfolk. This will be the subject of discussions throughout this coming year.

* Members are positively encouraged to support this year's awareness week (12th to 16th September) in order to increase its reach and impact.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to

- a) note the content of the report**
- b) share this report with partner organisations with whom they have contact**

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