

Report to: East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title: The East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Strategic Plan 2015-18 Progress Report

By: Independent Chair of East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board

Purpose: To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of progress to date on the delivery of the SAB Strategic Plan 2015-18.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board is recommended to note the contents of the report.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Care Act 2014, implemented from April 2015, specifies that Safeguarding Adults Board's (SAB) must publish a strategic plan outlining its future priorities. Key priorities for East Sussex have been agreed, and these priorities have been used to inform this Strategic Plan for 20a15-18 (see Appendix 1).
- 1.2 In developing the Strategic Plan, there has been consultation with Healthwatch and the Client and Carer Safeguarding Advisory Network (CCSAN); SAB members have also been engaged and provided feedback.

2. The Strategic Plan

2.1. This sets out the aims and objectives of the SAB for 2015-18, and provides direction and continuity to the annual work plan which is refreshed each year. It sets out five key areas of focus, relating to the priorities agreed for the year ahead. The five areas are as follows:

- Accountability and Leadership
- Policies, Procedures and Care Act Implementation
- Performance, Quality and Audit
- Prevention and Engagement
- Integration / Training and workforce development.

2.2. The plan reflects the commitment of active collaboration between organisations, working together on prevention strategies and listening to the voice of those who use care and support services to deliver positive outcomes.

3. The Strategic Plan progress overview

3.1. The annual work plan outlines the progress made in 2015-16 across partner agencies. Highlights contained in the report are as follows:

- Partners take a more active role to ensure the effectiveness of the SAB and contribute resources. This includes the Sussex Police and Healthwatch chairing subgroups of the SAB.
- Strategic learning across the SAB takes place including learning events following case reviews to ensure the learning is embedded into frontline practice.
- Significant progress has been made to improve protective measures for adults who have been financially abused. East Sussex has also been commissioned by the College of Fellows

at the National Chartered Trading Standards to research if early intervention with scam victims enables victims to remain independent longer in their own homes.

- Organisations are aware of their adult safeguarding responsibilities following the implementation of the Care Act 2014. This has been achieved by updating the Sussex Safeguarding Policies & Procedures, alongside information roadshows and learning workshops.
- There has been an increased focus on personalising safeguarding interventions that bring safety and people's desired outcomes together.
- Safeguarding awareness campaigns have taken place in different locations across the county to ensure people know what to do if they have a safeguarding concern. Targeted campaigns have also taken place in relation to financial abuse, self neglect as well as targeting specific groups such as Primary Care.

4. Conclusion and reason for recommendations

4.1. There has been significant progress in adult safeguarding across organisations that demonstrates the Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) principles are starting to embed into practice. This approach puts individuals at the centre of decisions and any interventions.

4.2. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2015-18.

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Background documents

None