



Report of North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Chair

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Summary:

This report introduces the Annual Report of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB) for the financial year 2018/19, and outlines the future areas for development by the Board.

The Annual Report is available on the following link:-

<http://safeguardingadults.co.uk/about-us/annual-reports/>

Which of the themes and/or enablers in the North Yorkshire Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy are addressed in this paper?

[Please tick as appropriate]

Themes	
Connected Communities	✓
Start Well	
Live Well	✓
Age Well	
Dying Well	
Enablers	
A new relationship with people using services	✓
Workforce	✓
Technology	✓
Economic Prosperity	✓

How does this paper fit with other strategies and plans in place in North Yorkshire?

Safeguarding Adults Boards are a statutory requirement made upon each Local Authority area in England. They have specific duties and responsibilities to ensure that the partner agencies that meet under the auspices of the Board work together to provide safe, effective, and efficient safeguarding arrangements to those most vulnerable adults living in their areas. The Partnership is made up of a rich mix of both statutory and non-statutory bodies.

As such, the work of the Board links to other strategies and plans that address the wider wellbeing of the residents of North Yorkshire.

What do you want the Health & Wellbeing Board to do as a result of this paper?

Note the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adult Board's Annual Report for 2018/19, and the Board's Future plans for 2019/20 and beyond; and

Consider the links between the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board, and opportunities for closer working between the Boards

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Background

1. The Care Act (2014) requires local authorities to set up a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). The Act identifies that the Board must
 - include the local authority, the NHS and the police, who should meet regularly to discuss and act upon local safeguarding issues;
 - develop shared strategic plans for safeguarding, working with local people to decide how to protect adults with care and support needs in vulnerable situations;
 - publish a strategic plan and report to the public annually on its progress, so that constituent Partnership organisations can ensure that they are working together in the best way.

2018/19 – Key Messages

2. We have been working to prepare for the introduction of revised Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures in October 2019. These are more in keeping with the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal where the focus is on whether the individual's outcomes have been met. The North Yorkshire SAB is one of seven SABs who came together to form a consortium using joint policies and procedures – the others being:
 - Bradford
 - Calderdale
 - Kirklees
 - Leeds
 - Wakefield and;
 - York
3. In 2018 we carried out an engagement project relating to the Mental Capacity Act and we went out to speak to as many people as possible, and also sent out an online survey, to ask about the Mental Capacity Act. We spoke to people directly affected by the Act and their families, as well as self-advocates and professionals.

The feedback was collated and shared with partners and informed what the Board will do now.

- We are working with self-advocacy groups to create easy read guides for safeguarding, Mental Capacity Act and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. These guides will be distributed across North Yorkshire so that people have access to them;
- We have included videos and animated guides to the MCA on our website. We will be adding guides for families and carers, as well as information on planning for the future;
- We have updated our training for professionals about working with MCA and DoLS; and
- We are working together with our partners and City of York Council to prepare for the legal changes in 2020 and the introduction of the Liberty Protection Safeguards. We want to make sure we will provide the right

support whichever professionals are involved and to make sure we listen and respond clearly

4. We are working jointly with our partners within the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Board and the Community Safety Partnership to work on themes that are relevant to all three Boards/Partnerships such as Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking, County Lines, Suicide Awareness and Domestic Abuse to have a joined up approach and message to raise awareness.
5. We are building stronger connections with strategic partners in Trading Standards, the Care Quality Commission and colleagues in Digital and IT. Our strategic partners have shared stories at each Board meeting to understand emerging risks to the safety of adults in North Yorkshire such as financial scams and fraud as well as cyber fraud and how we can work together to raise awareness to keep adults at risk safe.
6. There was a reduction in the number of safeguarding concerns raised during 2018/19.



In keeping with Making Safeguarding Personal, 459 people who expressed an outcome of the safeguarding process had their outcome fully met. We did not conduct a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) in the 2018/19 period however a SAR and a Lessons Learned Review have been commissioned and the outcome of these will be reported in the 2019/20 Annual Report.

7. We built on our existing joint working with safeguarding and community safety colleagues in North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Council through delivery of Safeguarding Week which took place in June 2018. Events took place throughout North Yorkshire including information stalls, presentations and discussions with North Yorkshire Police and health partners as well as raising awareness through social media platforms, the local press and information and guidance which was circulated to people to inform how to keep themselves and others safe.

Future Plans

8. Members of NYSAB came together for a Development Session in November 2018, during which we considered the priorities for the Board going forward and the value the Board can bring over and above the work of its individual agencies. The NYSAB took on Board the following when discussing the development of the strategic priorities;

- Feedback from the Healthwatch survey that has previously been reported to the Board, which included views from managers, staff and members of the public;
 - Feedback from the engagement around the Mental Capacity Act that took place in summer 2018 that included feedback from partners, carers and people who use support;
 - Engagement with the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board; and
 - The outcome of the Independent Review of Safeguarding Practice.
9. The proposed priorities tailor and summarises the six key principles outlined in the Care Act and how the Board want to reflect that so they can be applied locally. The aims and objectives are set out in full within the Annual Report and are summarised below.
- Work more closely with communities in North Yorkshire to develop strategies that reduce the risk of abuse, and help improve services
 - Implement and embed the new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, in line with national guidance and best practice around MSP
 - Develop a whole community approach to the prevention of abuse
 - Ensure the accountability of all partners working with adults at risk of abuse
 - Develop North Yorkshire's response to National Priorities
 - Understand and assess the impact of changes in the strategic context within which the Board operates workforce, and the financial sustainability of the care sector.

These key themes have now been translated into strategic objectives for the Board in 2019/20, and were agreed by the Board in December 2018.

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