

ADULT AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22 OCTOBER 2019

SAFEGUARDING ADULT PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Adult and Housing Scrutiny Committee to receive and comment upon the Annual Report of the Darlington Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board (DSAPB) for the period 2018/19.

Summary

2. The Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board is required to produce an Annual Report which should account for the Board's activities over the previous year and make an assessment of the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements within the local area.
3. The DSAPB Annual Report for 2018/19 is based on the six key principles as outlined in the Care Act 2014 as the strategic aims:
 - **Empowerment** – People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and give informed consent
 - **Prevention** – It is better to take action before harm occurs
 - **Proportionality** – The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented
 - **Protection** – Support and representation for those in greatest need
 - **Partnership** – Local solutions through services working with their communities to prevent and report neglect and abuse
 - **Accountability** – Accountability and transparency in safeguarding practice
4. It is recommended that:
 - (a) The Adult and Housing Scrutiny Committee note and comment on the DSAPB Annual Report for 2018/19 which will be published on the Safeguarding Boards website.

Reasons

6. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons:
- (a) Adult and Housing Scrutiny Committee have an understanding of the Board's work to date.
 - (b) To challenge and scrutinise the work of the DSAPB and raise any challenges as appropriate with Ann Baxter, Independent Chair.
 - (c) To have assurance that the Safeguarding Adult Board is effectively coordinating multi-agency safeguarding practice in Darlington for adults with care and support needs who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

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Background Papers

Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board Annual Report – 2018/2019