



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 3RD DECEMBER 2013

SUBJECT: GWENT WIDE ADULT SAFEGUARDING BOARD

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the scrutiny committee of the activities of the Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board. (GWASB)

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board was established in 2011 merging the tri Council Area Adult Protection Committee arrangements in Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen and Monmouthshire, with those of Caerphilly and Newport.
- 2.2 The draft annual report brings together for the first time a regional perspective on work undertaken over the last 12 months, as well as setting out the challenges ahead.
- 2.3 This Draft report is scheduled for sign off by board members at the December 2013 Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board meeting.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Wales Assembly Government 'In Safe Hands' national policy guidance (2000) gave the local authority the lead role in responding to the identification of vulnerable adult abuse and neglect and reinforced the requirement for multiagency adult protection practice.
- 3.2 The Protection of Vulnerable Adults is undertaken in accordance with this national guidance and the subsequently developed policy framework. The South East Wales Executive POVA Forum regional policy (2003) was replaced by the Wales Interim Policy and procedures for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults in November 2010.
- 3.3 The 'white' paper Sustaining Social Services in Wales: A framework for Action (WAG Feb 2011) clearly identifies the principles of service improvement, consistency, outcomes, resource effectiveness and collaboration.
- 3.4 Links are made to divisional and multi-agency strategies through the Adult Services Service Improvement Plan, the Health and Social Care Wellbeing Strategy and the Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board action plan.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The report is to provide the opportunity to members to be kept up to date with progress of works undertaken by Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board and its sub groups 2012-13.
- 4.2 The Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board Annual report 2012-13 is being circulated in draft form, to enable members to make comments prior to final sign off by Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board on 12th December 2013.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equalities implications.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no personnel implications

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 All comments from consultations are reflected in the content of the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 It is recommended that Scrutiny committee members note the draft Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board report as information of the significant activity undertaken by the authority, neighbouring authorities and partner agencies in relation to the protection of vulnerable adults.
- 9.2 It is recommended that scrutiny committee members make comment on the Draft Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board report prior to sign off by the Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board, Draft Annual Report 2012-13.