



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 24TH OCTOBER 2017

SUBJECT: CHILDREN’S AND ADULTS SAFEGUARDING BOARDS ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The attached Annual Report for both the South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board (SEWSCB) and the Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board (GwASB) provides an update on developments across the region for 2016/17. Both Boards are statutory multi-agency partnerships which have responsibility for monitoring the effectiveness of safeguarding practice across the five Gwent Local Authorities and their statutory partners; Health, Police and Probation.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Safeguarding Business Unit, hosted by Caerphilly County Borough Council, was established to support the work of the Children’s Safeguarding Board. Strategically, with the implementation of the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act, it was agreed that the Business Unit should be expanded to incorporate support for the Adults Board. Attached is the first Annual Report written on behalf of both Boards.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Social Services & Well Being (Wales) Act 2014 – Parts 7 & 9 relate directly to safeguarding and partnership working.
- 3.2 Caerphilly County Borough Council Corporate Safeguarding Policy.
- 3.3 Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The attached report includes the 2016/17 membership of both Boards. The report details achievements made by both Boards to date and outlines the remit and priorities for each of the sub-groups that support the effective working of the Boards. In addition, details relating to the range of multi-agency training offered and completed are included.
- 4.2 The work plans for each of the sub-groups are aligned to the Boards’ strategic priorities and this will enable reporting to be smarter and more measurable in future years.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 The work of the regional Safeguarding Boards contributes to the Well-being Goals and the 5 ways of working in the context of strategy and vision, preventing problems occurring or getting worse and collaborating to meet agreed objectives. The work of the Safeguarding Boards' contributes to the following Well-Being Goals:

- Corporate planning
- Risk management
- Workforce planning
- Performance management

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Annual Report attached includes an Equalities Statement. The Council's EIA process does not need to be applied in this matter.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The attached report includes the budget breakdown for the Safeguarding Business Unit.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no HR or personnel implications arising from this report.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 The report reflects the views of the consultees.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the content of this report.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Scrutiny Committee is apprised of the work of the Regional Safeguarding Boards.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board (SEWSCB) and the Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board (GwASB) Annual Report 2016 to 2017