



**Health and Wellbeing Board
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KEEPING ADULTS SAFE IN SHROPSHIRE ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

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1. Summary

It is a requirement of the Care Act 2014 that the Local Authority sets up a Safeguarding Adults Board. This is not new for Shropshire who prior to the Care Act had a Board jointly with Telford & Wrekin.

The Care Act requires the Board to produce an Annual report on: -

- a) What it has done to achieve its objective
- b) What it has done to implement its strategy and what each member has done to implement the strategy
- c) Findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews including what it has done or chosen not to do to implement the findings of those review

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Note the contents of the report.
- 2.2. Review the progress made to date in implementing the requirements of the Care Act.

REPORT

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

The report explains the impact of abuse on people with care and support needs in Shropshire. Of the 1414 safeguarding concerns were recorded in this year, 1115 people were affected. This shows a number of people were affected by potential abuse more than once in that year.

Partnership working is essential to effective safeguarding practice. The work of the Keeping Adult Safe in Shropshire Board allows us to maximise our opportunities to work together to get this right for the citizens of Shropshire.

4. Financial Implications

The Keeping Adults Safe in Shropshire Board is in the process of establishing a budget for its work. As a minimum, financial contributions will be made by the three statutory partners who are; Shropshire Council, Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group and West Mercia Police.

5. Background

The Keeping Adults Safe in Shropshire Board Annual Report explains which organisations make up the membership of the Board and how it works. It explains its Strategic Plan, its progress on delivering the plan and the partner agencies' contributions to delivering the plan. For example under its priority of "audit and performance" *Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group* identified poor catheter care in care homes which resulted in changes to the catheter care discharge processes which in turn involved liaison with Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals and Shropshire Partners in Care.

Each partner's submission is attached in full as an appendix to the main report.

The committee should note that the Board has had to make sure our safeguarding practice has changed to fit the Care Act (2014). It has produced a number of documents to help everybody keep people safer including guidance on self-neglect and risk assessment in the safeguarding process.

6. Additional Information

The aspirations of the Board for next year are detailed and work is already underway to achieve these.

7. Conclusions

The Care Act has provided an opportunity to create a new approach to Safeguarding Adults in Shropshire. Everyone working in health and social care has re-focused on people being in control of their own lives even if they are subject to abuse.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Care Act (2014) Statutory Guidance

<https://new.shropshire.gov.uk/media/2862/kasisb-strategic-plan-2015-18.pdf>

Keeping Adults Safe in Shropshire Board Strategic Plan

<https://new.shropshire.gov.uk/media/2862/kasisb-strategic-plan-2015-18.pdf>

Pan West Midlands Policy and Procedure

<https://new.shropshire.gov.uk/media/2933/west-midlands-adult-safeguarding-regional-policy-and-procedure.pdf>

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Appendices

Keeping Adults Safe in Shropshire – Annual Report 2015/16