

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)**

**Date: 19 April 2016**

**Subject: Update on Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**1 Purpose of this report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a verbal update on Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board.

**2 Main issues**

2.1 At its meeting in December 2015, the Scrutiny Board received and considered Leeds' Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014/15 and Business Plan 2015/16. The Independent Chair of Leeds' Safeguarding Adults Board and senior officers from Adult Social Services attended that meeting.

2.2 The key areas of discussion at that meeting were:

- Lessons learnt from failures to account for unexpected deaths at Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust.
- Measuring success through development of shared learning with health agencies and community organisations.
- Further information required about safeguarding investigations, particularly in terms of demographics and settings.
- Concern that the report had not included any specific reference to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- A request that future reporting included a progress update with timescales.
- Significant concern that BME communities were not currently represented on the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board and recommendations for this to be addressed in the short and longer-term.

- Development of more sophisticated approaches to identify autism at an early age.
- Confirmation of joint working with Leeds Safeguarding Children's Board. The current focus was on transition to adulthood and using resources more effectively.

2.3 Following its discussion, the Scrutiny Board subsequently made the following resolutions:

- (a) That the contents of the report, together with the appended Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014/15 and Business Plan 2015/16, be noted.
- (b) That the 'progress version' of the report highlighted at the meeting be made available to members of the Scrutiny Board.
- (c) That the Chair of Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board and those officers supporting the work of the Board, consider:
  - i. mechanisms to ensure the appropriate representation of BME communities within the membership of the Board, in the longer-term; and,
  - ii. the co-option of appropriate representatives as an immediate, interim measure.

2.4 To continue the development of the relationship between the respective Board, the Chair of the Scrutiny Board met the Independent Chair of Leeds' Safeguarding Adults Board in February 2016, with a subsequent agreement in principal to meet on a more regular basis.

2.5 This report provides an opportunity for the Scrutiny Board to receive a verbal update on the progress and development of Leeds' Safeguarding Adults Board. Responsible officers from Adult Social Services have been invited to the meeting.

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 Members are asked to:

- a) Note the content of this report and any further details provided at the meeting; and,
- b) Identify and agree any specific matters that may require further scrutiny activity.

### **4. Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

4.1 None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.