



## Report of the Director of Adult Social Services

### Scrutiny Board: Adult Social Care

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Subject: Leeds Safeguarding Adults Partnership Annual Report 2009/10

#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

## Executive Summary

1. This report introduces Members of the Scrutiny Board to the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Annual Report 2009/10, and the work plan for 2010/11.
2. The Annual Report is now available to access at [www.leedsafeguardingadults.gov.uk](http://www.leedsafeguardingadults.gov.uk) following the Executive Board meeting.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce the third annual report of the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board and to update the Scrutiny Board on the work of the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Partnership.

### 2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Each year Leeds Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board produces an annual report of its business for the previous year and a work programme for the following year. The work programme is informed by the priorities of the Board and its partner agencies.
- 2.2 Although Safeguarding Adults Boards do not yet have the same statutory framework as that designated for Safeguarding Children Boards, the formal recognition of the work of Adult Boards is a national priority for central government and the Health and Social Care regulator, the Care Quality Commission. It is anticipated that Safeguarding Adults Boards will be put on a statutory basis, although the exact timing is not yet confirmed.
- 2.3 The Leeds Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Annual Report 2009/10 was reported to the Executive Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010. Executive Board noted the Annual Report and endorsed the work programme for 2010/11.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 The attached Annual Report sets out that there has, for the second year running, been a significant increase in the number of referrals made into the Leeds Safeguarding Adult Partnership during 2009/10. This reflects a significantly increased awareness of vulnerable adult issues and understanding of the need to safeguard adults through the revised multi-agency procedures.
- 3.2 The report deals with the success against the targets contained in the second annual report of the Board and outlines the various national safeguarding developments occurring during 2009/10. The report concludes by setting out the priorities for the Board for the 2010/11 performance year.
- 3.3 All the information contained in the report and the activity that has taken place in 2009/10 have been reported back to the Care Quality Commission, the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board and the governance structures of the safeguarding partners. Against the criteria used by the Care Quality Commission, Adult Social Services have advised CQC that they now regard performance as being 'good' and therefore having demonstrated improvement over the judgment for 2008/09. The CQC will provide their formal definitive response to this self assessment in November.
- 3.4 Since June 2008, the Board has been chaired by the Deputy Director (Strategic Commissioning) within a separate accountability agreement to the Director of Adult Social Services. All the Board initiatives set out in the attached report continue to have been put into place under this arrangement. The intention was made plain in the previous report to appoint an independent chair for the commencement of the 2010/11 performance year. A recruitment process conducted recently has successfully identified a suitable candidate and it is anticipated that he will take over the chair later this summer.

### **4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance**

- 4.1 The Board Memorandum of Understanding is being kept under review as agreed. This is particularly important in the light of the likelihood of further guidance emerging for local safeguarding partnerships as a consequence of the outcome of the previous Government review of the 2000 'No Secrets' framework.

### **5.0 Legal And Resource Implications**

- 5.1 The legal implications relate to a significant array of legislation in relation to offences against the person, guidance in relation to Care Standards, Mental Capacity, the implementation of specific guidance in relation to Adult Safeguarding, Dignity in Care.
- 5.2 Local arrangements to implement all the requirements of the Mental Capacity Act (2005) and the associated Deprivation of Liberty safeguards have been brought under the governance structures of the Safeguarding Partnership Board, reflecting national best practice and policy guidance.
- 5.3 The resource implications of the Board are set out in the annual report. Elements of this investment are being offset by contributions from partners, where appropriate as income (in the case of NHS Leeds for example) or in terms of time devoted by officers to supporting the work of the partnership (in the case of the West Yorkshire Police, for example).

### **6.0 Conclusions**

- 6.1 The Annual Report provides evidence that systems and practices to safeguard vulnerable adults, are now more firmly established as being everybody's business in Leeds, and used more widely across all sectors.

6.2 The Annual Report provides assurance that that all the partners have committed to a continuing programme of work designed to achieve excellence in Safeguarding practice in Leeds.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are requested to note the content of the attached 2009/10 annual report and endorse the work programme of the Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board for 2010/11.

## **Background Documents referred to in this report**

Leeds Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board – Annual Report 2009/10