

**SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**16 May 2014**

**SAFEGUARDING ADULTS IN SUNDERLAND**

**Report of the Independent Chair of Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update HWBB on the work of the Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB), with a particular focus on a recent Peer Challenge.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The SSAB is the key mechanism for determining how organisations in Sunderland will cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults at risk.
- 2.2 The SSAB has well established relationships with key and relevant partner organisations, with the SSAB meeting on a regular basis to drive forward the safeguarding adults' agenda.

**3. PEER CHALLENGE**

- 3.1 In March 2014, the Council invited a Peer Challenge Team into the People Directorate to look at both the ambitions and vision of the People Directorate and to assess the current plans for safeguarding vulnerable adults and the effectiveness of the newly developed model for adult safeguarding in the city.
- 3.2 A key focus of the Peer Challenge process was the involvement of the SSAB and its members in interviews and observations. As with the Peer Review process, the Team produce a report which highlights the areas of strength and areas for consideration.
- 3.3 The attached presentation sets out these relating to Safeguarding Adults; and the actions being progressed as part of the response to the Peer Challenge.

**4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Board members are requested to:
- Receive the Presentation as an update of the outcome of the Peer Challenge
  - Agree to SSAB presenting an annual progress report
  - Consider a Board development session on Safeguarding

