

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**11 December 2020**

**SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

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

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. It is a Care Act requirement for the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board to give an annual account of the work of the Board.
- 1.2. The annual report, attached for members' information, highlights the current work of Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) during the year 2019-20.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. The workings of the Board and its current sub-committees, and importantly what they have achieved, are shown within the body of the report and also the links the Board has with other strategic partnerships within the city.
- 2.2. The work of SSAB focuses on four strategic priorities, as identified in its Strategic Delivery Plan 2019-24:
  - Prevention
  - Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)/ User Engagement
  - Partnership (including regional collaboration)
  - Key local areas of risk (self-neglect, mental capacity and exploitation)

These priorities inform the Board's local actions to safeguard adults in Sunderland and are underpinned by the Care Act's six key principles of adult safeguarding.

- 2.3 The report highlights significant progress against its strategic priorities through the work of the SSAB and its Sub Committees, and through the training offer the SSAB commissions. It also features the Key Achievements; Good Practice, Partnership Working and Making Safeguarding Personal activity undertaken by the SSAB's statutory partners. It highlights the work done to develop SSAB resources such as the '7-Minute Briefings' on a range of safeguarding adults topics, and sets out the future direction of travel for the Board with regard to further work on SSAB's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Procedures; further development of the SSAB website; work to develop a local process for managing the most complex safeguarding adults cases, and notes that SSAB will be participating in National Safeguarding Week 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

### **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1** The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:  
Note the content of the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019-20.