

**SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

**REPORT OF SUNDERLAND 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 2018-19

**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, and provides detail of the future direction of travel for the Board with regard to continuing to develop the SSAB Prevention Strategy; further work on SSAB's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Procedures; further development of the SSAB website; ongoing work to explore the potential to develop Adult Missing Sexually Exploited and Trafficked (AMSET) arrangements in Sunderland; participating in National Safeguarding Week 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the content of the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report