

Report of the Chair to the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 8th February 2016.

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Short updates on progress or business arising between Board meetings or at the Board sub-groups.

1. Letter from the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board
2. Progress on Child Sexual Exploitation tasks
3. Updates from Board Subgroups
 - Integration and Change Board update
 - Bradford Health and Care Commissioners – update provided through separate report

Summary statement: The report provides short updates on progress or business arising between Board meetings or at the Board sub-groups.

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Health and Social Care

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:
Health and Social Care



1. SUMMARY

This Chair's Highlight report provides short updates on business conducted under Chair's action between Board meetings, updates on progress reported to the Chair between Board meetings and business conducted at the sub-groups to the Health and Wellbeing Board as follows:

2. BACKGROUND

The background to each item is described in the relevant part of section 3.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Business conducted between meetings under Chair's action

3.1.1 Letter from the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board

A letter was received from the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board providing an assessment of the impact of the Council's 2016-18 budget proposals, see Appendix 1 - a response will be discussed at the Board meeting.

3.2 Updates on progress between Board meetings

3.2.1 Update on actions on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) element of the Board's Joint Safeguarding meeting – held 24th November 2015 to address the decision of Council Executive on September 15th 2015 that:

- (a) **During the current civic year the Health and Well Being Board be requested to receive a report regarding arrangements for therapeutic support for survivors of Child Sexual Exploitation.**

The Board resolved to receive a further report in February 2016 on progress to ensure there is appropriate and accessible therapeutic support available for victims of CSE, with appropriate professional support for frontline staff; and that planning is undertaken to ensure that sufficient support is available to meet the predicted increase in demand for therapeutic support for both staff and survivors in the future.

Plans for further work to review and develop arrangements for therapeutic support have been confirmed to be in development.

In addition the Chair has been briefed on the current arrangements for communication between the CSE Hub and frontline health organisations in response to a query at the November 24th Board meeting.



3.3 Updates from the Board subgroups

3.3.1 Integration and Change Board

In December the ICB spent the majority of the meeting focused on dealing with winter pressures across the health and care system, linked to pressures in the Care Home sector, as well as holding a discussion on public sector estate.

3.3.2 Bradford Health and Care Commissioners

The update from BHCC is dealt with through the Working Better Together agenda item.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

No implications

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT.



No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

7.6 TRADE UNION

No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

No direct implications arising from the contents of this report.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

No options are provided.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

No Recommendations are provided.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Letter from the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board
RE - Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Response to Consultation Budget 2016-
17 and 2017-18

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None



Appendix 1



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Date: 15 January 2016

Dear Cllr Green

Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Response to Consultation Budget 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The SAB's delivery group has considered the budget from the perspective of its impact on safeguarding adults with care and support needs in Bradford.

The following analysis focuses on the lines of the Adults and Community Services Budget which it believes could have an adverse impact on the district's capacity to safeguard adults.

The analysis recognises the context of this budget and acknowledges the unprecedented scale of the cuts the Council has to make as a result of national policy.

I understand that the budget will be discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 3 February 2016 and I hope that these comments can be included in the discussion.

3A1 Integration and Transition: No comment

3A2 Operational Services: There is a potential benefit from reducing 15 minute visits



where they have no positive outcome for people. However electronic monitoring and phone calls run the risk of failing to identify subtle deterioration in people's welfare which might result in overlooking safeguarding concerns. It is vital that the proposed assessment described in the mitigating action includes an explicit assessment of any safeguarding risks. The SAB will monitor carefully safeguarding concerns regarding people supported in their own homes and will alert the local authority if there is either a significant decrease in concerns or a change in the type or source of that concern.

3A3 Integration and Transition: The mitigation of these proposals rely on an adequate supply of advocates. The same is true of **3A6,10,11,12 and 13**. The Care Act 2015 places increased demands on the use of advocates in safeguarding. The SAB has already been informed about the pressure on the existing advocacy services. It is vital that the council is confident that it is able to fund the required level of advocacy. If this is not the case then the mitigation activity will be inadequate and people maybe put at risk.

3A4 Integration and Transition: No comment

3A5 Departmental: A reduction of 80 staff could have a significant impact on safeguarding capacity but there is insufficient information to be able to assess this. The SAB is aware of areas of activity such as Deprivation of Liberties assessments (DoLS) where the council is already struggling to keep up with demand. The SAB would want assurance that the plans that support this proposal do not impair the council's duty to assess the needs of and protect people with care and support needs in partnership with others.

3A6 Operational Services: The impact of a reduction in day care availability may put increased stress on carers and in some cases increase the risk of abuse or neglect. However, it is also recognised that there may also be benefits coming from a wider range of more community based rather than centre based activity. The SAB will monitor any changes in the pattern of safeguarding alerts relating to people with learning disabilities and alert the council if necessary. The mitigating action should explicitly include the requirement for a carer's needs assessment to be part of the individual assessment carried out.

3A7 Integration and Transition: The SAB is concerned that there is no mitigating action relating to the proposal. The summary of the EIA may be a bit disingenuous. It seems to suggest that because all protected groups could be affected then there are no equality issues. Yet there is no current assessment process so this statement would be hard to support. The SAB is concerned that this group of people, often on the margins of society are likely to be those experiencing self neglect and sexual exploitation which come under the remit of safeguarding. This scale of proposal needs very careful appraisal to be confident that people with care and support needs, even if not currently met, are not placed at increased risk of abuse. The council does have a legal duty to protect them if they experience abuse and may have care and support needs so it is also important that it is confident that elements of this proposal are not a false economy.

3A8 to 12 Operational Services: No comment



3A13 Operational Services: The SAB supports the aim of reducing the numbers of older people in residential and nursing care by supporting more people at home. However, it is important that the key agencies across health and social care agree a set of robust outcome measures which provide assurance that the quality of people's lives at home are maintained and improved.

Yours sincerely



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