

Title:	Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/18
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Purpose of this report: The purpose of this report is to provide a brief summary of the work of Bucks Safeguarding Adults Board over the period April 2017 to March 2018, with a particular focus on those issues relevant to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Summary of main issues:

Under the Care Act 2014 each Safeguarding Adults Board has a duty to produce an Annual Report and to share this with partner agencies. The Annual Report must contain information in relation to the activities carried out by the Board during the financial year, April 2017 to March 2018.

In the year 2016/17 the Board had gone back to basics to build strong and effective governance arrangements for keeping people safe, so in 2017/18 the Board moved onto look at updating its Strategic and Business plans in order to meet its statutory responsibilities as a Safeguarding Adults Board. These documents are available on the Board's website

<http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.co.uk/safeguarding-adults-board/about-the-bsab/bsab-board-documents-and-policies/>.

As well as updating the strategic and business plan to deliver its objectives, the Board has focused this year, on three priorities included as new categories of abuse, introduced under the Care Act, which included:

- Domestic Abuse
- Self-Neglect
- Modern Slavery

The Board decided to have themed Board meeting on each of these events in order to understand the nature and extent of these issues both nationally and locally within Buckinghamshire and provide assurance that appropriate actions were being taken. These themed meetings therefore led to work being undertaken within the Board's subgroups and their individual work plans can again be found on the website.

There were several crucial pieces of work that the Board carried out during this financial year. The main one of which was carrying out its statutory responsibilities in relation to Safeguarding Adults Reviews and two reviews were completed in the 2017/18 period. The main learning from these was around Self Neglect and as a

result the Board's self-neglect tool kit was revised and reissued across agencies to support staff in identifying individual circumstances when this is an issue that requires professional intervention. The self-neglect tool kit is available on the BSAB website.

The second piece of priority work for the Board was the development of its own Performance and Assurance Dashboard which enabled Board members to understand the overall picture relating to Safeguarding adults within Buckinghamshire. The aim is to include information from other Board's in particular from the Safer Stronger Bucks Board in relation to shared subjects such as Domestic Abuse.

Finally, the Board developed its own suite of E Learning packages which are open to Board members and other agencies to undertake free of charge and cover subjects including:-

- Basic Safeguarding
- Scams and Mental Capacity
- Modern Slavery and Adult Safeguarding
- Fire Safety

One of the main challenges that the Board had to manage in 2017/18 was in the budget setting process. In the past there had been limited ownership, control and oversight of the budget by Board members and following a series of reports from the Board manager it became clear that a significant uplift in the budget was going to be needed to meet the increase expenditure of the Board. This came at a time when agencies were facing budget constraints and seeking further cost saving efficiencies. Therefore discussions had to take place in a challenging financial context. It reflects the commitment of all partners that by the end of the year a realistic budget was agreed through an approved formulae and budget principles which will be used going forward into future financial years.

Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

This year the Board has focused on ensuring that board members were aware of the nature of safeguarding issues within Buckinghamshire and then providing strategic leadership to identify ways of proactively addressing these to prevent abuse or provide appropriate support to vulnerable adults. There has been more collaboration between the Boards, particularly in the newer safeguarding priority areas of Modern Slavery and Domestic Abuse which have required the Board's to work closely together to deliver objectives in joint work plans. This has been reflected in the development of an agreed Joint Board Protocol, and joint priorities across the whole partnership system.

Board members has become aware that there are other topics which are hosted by other Boards which will become the focus of greater collaboration and joint work such as Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation, and suicide prevention. All of which are important safeguarding issues for adults with care and support needs.

Bucks Safeguarding Adults Board would like to therefore make the following recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board:-

- To endorse the continuation of closer working between the Local Safeguarding Children's Board; Safer, Stronger Communities Board and the Health and Well Being Board on areas of joint concern such as Domestic Abuse,
- That the Health and Wellbeing Board shares its work plan and priorities with the BSAB so that joint areas of work can be highlighted.
- That there is a link member on each of the Board's to enable feedback from each Board meeting to other Boards.

Background documents:

- [Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Annual Report 2017/18](#)
- [Buckinghamshire Strategic Plan](#)
- [Buckinghamshire's Business Plan](#)
- Safeguarding Adult Review – [Mr Q](#) and [Miss T](#).