

Staffordshire Health & Wellbeing Board						
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Recommendations

- a. Receive the SSASPB Annual Report 2017/18 in accordance with requirements of the Care Act 2014 Statutory Guidance (2016; Para 160);
- b. Provide feedback to the work of the SSASPB.

Background

1. The Care Act 2014 states that the local Safeguarding Adult Board must share their Annual Report with the Health and Wellbeing Boards in their area. This Annual Report covers the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. During this period the Independent Chair was Mr John Wood.

An overview of the contents of the Annual Report 2017-18

2. The Report outlines the progress of the sub-groups that support the SSASPB and its delivery of their Strategic Priorities and objectives (as described in the Care Act 2014).
3. The Strategic Priorities during 2017/18 were:
 - a. Engagement
 - b. Transition (Preparing for Adulthood)
 - c. Leadership in the Independent Care Sector
4. The Report contains six case studies forwarded by a range of SSASPB partners demonstrating 'Safeguarding in Action'. There is detailed section on Adult Safeguarding data, including narrative to provide an explanation of themes and trends. There is also a section on the development and improvement activity of the SSASPB. An overview of the SSASPB budget is provided.

Brief overview of Adult Safeguarding Data:

5. During the course of 2017/18 in Staffordshire there have been 4908 occasions when concerns have been reported that adults with care and support needs may be at risk of or are experiencing abuse or neglect. This figure has decreased from 5529 in the previous year. The reported concerns averaged 409 per month; but there has been a reduction of nearly 50% each month from December 2017 onwards. The reason for this reduction is due to a change in recording practice, only those referrals that meet the threshold are now recorded as a referral. This change also had an impact on the number of referrals meeting the duty of enquiry requirement; increasing from 65% to 85% after December 2017.

6. Of the people subject of a Section 42 enquiry, those aged 85-94 (26%) represent the largest cohort, closely followed by 75-84 (25%), and then 65-74 (12%). There has been a small change in the population this year and the proportion of over 75 year olds has increased by 4 percentage points to 56% (from 52% in 2016/17). Women remain most likely to be subject of a Section 42 Safeguarding Enquiry. 92% of adults involved in an enquiry are white.
7. Neglect continues to be the most prevalent factor which has led to the concern being made, followed by physical abuse. Financial abuse referrals are increasing; this is a new Strategic priority for the SSASPB during 2018/2021. 50% of the abuse and neglect concerns raised occurred in the adult's own home. There was a 27% increase in the number of reports of acts of abuse or neglect by people in a position of trust.
8. The proportion of people subject of a Section 42 enquiry whose expressed outcome was met has increased to 85% from 74% last year with over 97% of people expressing their desired outcomes as either fully or partly met.

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List of Background Papers:

[Appendix A - SSASPB Annual Report 2017/18](#)