



## **ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2023**

<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>WIRRAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD UPDATE REPORT</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF CARE AND HEALTH</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report seeks to further update the Committee on the work of the Wirral Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (WSAPB) and advise on reporting schedules for WSAPB Annual Reports.

The Care Act 2014 requires Local Authorities to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board in its area. Up until June 2021, the Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board fulfilled this requirement for Wirral Local Authority; however, following the cessation of the Merseyside Board in June 2021 it became a necessity to establish a new Board for Wirral. This took place in September 2021.

This underpins the Wirral Plan 2021-2026 vision of Safe and Pleasant Communities and Active and Healthy Lives - working to provide happy, active and healthy lives for all

This is not a key decision and affects all wards.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is recommended to note the update report in relation to the work of the Wirral Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board and the reporting schedule for future Annual reports.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To ensure the Committee is updated on the work of the WSAPB and is sighted on the annual reporting schedule for the Boards Annual Report.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No update could be presented to Committee, but this could impact on the Committee's ability to fulfil their duty in protecting adults at risk.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Wirral Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board held its inaugural meeting in September 2021 and meets quarterly with the addition of two development days per year. The Board is chaired by an Independent Person, Sue Redmond, and is supported by a Board Manager and an Administrator.
- 3.2 The following diagram shows the current structure which was reviewed and updated in June 2022. The Structure will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it remains fit for purpose.



- 3.3 The Boards Strategic plan for 2022 – 2024 was signed off on 19 September; and is attached with an update of progress to date (Appendix 1). Also attached is a visual minutes document (Appendix 2) from a Development Day held with Board members and colleagues from Nursing and Residential Care Homes held on 25 November 2022.

- 3.4 Safeguarding Adults Boards are required to produce an Annual Report detailing their work in the previous financial year to include safeguarding data and information on any SARs (Safeguarding Adult Reviews) undertaken. As the WSAPB was only established part way through 2021 it was agreed by Board that the first Annual report for the WSAPB would cover September 2021 to March 2023. It is proposed that this report will be finalised and brought to Committee in January 2024. The reason for the delay is due to the publication of the National Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC) data which is published at the end of November for the previous financial year. To use local data in the report prior to the publication of the National data runs the risk of differing information being reported.

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

#### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 S.43(1) Care Act 2014 states that each Local Authority must establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) for its area. Without having arrangements to have a SAB, Wirral will not fulfil its statutory duties. This will also affect S.44 Care Act and the role for the Safeguarding Adults Board to ensure that Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) are managed within the local area.

#### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 The Board is supported by 1 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Board Manager, 1 FTE Administrator and up to 24 days per year of support from the Independent Chair.

#### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 7.1 If a Board were not in place, Wirral Council would be at risk of not fulfilling its statutory functions under S.43/S.44 Care Act 2014. This could place members of the community at risk of harm or abuse and/or neglect. These risks are mitigated by having a Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board.

#### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 A wide range of stakeholders were consulted in the lead up to the implementation of the new Board and engaged within a stakeholder workshop which was felt to be a positive and productive event. Moving forward a key priority of the Board is to hear the views of citizens including those experiencing services, families, carers and those working within organisations and systems. Co-production is also a key priority, and we are linking with other key strategic partnerships around this i.e. Health and Wellbeing Board, Children's Partnership, Safer Wirral Partnership, Domestic Abuse Change Board. All partners have been involved in the development of the new Strategic Plan through participation in development sessions and Board Meetings. Engagement with the Care Sector has increased through the

Development Day held on 25 November and is the basis for more engagement work with the sector moving forward.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision, or activity. There are no direct equality implications from this report.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no direct environment and climate implications. Current arrangements require less travel by the majority of Board members, contributing to a reduction in carbon emissions.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 The Board has a role to play in supporting the development of resilient local communities and community support organisations in relation to adult abuse and neglect both from a preventative perspective as well as identification and response.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - WSAPB Strategic Plan (December 2022 update)

Appendix 2 - WSAPB Development Day Visual Minutes (November 2022)

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Care Act 2014

WSAPB Terms of Reference

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

This report is being considered at the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee in accordance with Section 2.2(a) adult social care matters (e.g., people aged 18 or over with eligible social care needs and their carers).

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee	18 January 2021
Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee	3 March 2022
Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee	26 September 2022