



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

**Tuesday 11 October 2022**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>WIRRAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD</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 present the last annual report of the Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board.

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 report is not a key decision. It affects all wards in the borough.

The report supports the Safe and Pleasant Communities, and Active and Healthy Lives priorities of the Wirral Plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is recommended to note the final annual report of the Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board and the update report in relation to the work of the Wirral Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

1.1 The Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board was disbanded in June 2021 and there is now a new Wirral Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board in place.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2.1 A combined approach has been in place historically however a move back to 'Place' based approaches and a local board was felt to be the most appropriate for Wirral going forward. Other areas previously involved in the Merseyside collaboration voiced a strong desire to move back to localised arrangements.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board disbanded in June 2021, the annual report, to be presented by the former Independent Chair of the Merseyside Board and current chair of the Wirral Board, Sue Redmond, can be viewed via the link in background papers.

3.2 The Wirral Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board held its inaugural meeting in September 2021 and meets quarterly with the addition of two development days a year. The Board is chaired by an Independent Person, Sue Redmond and is supported by a Board Manager and an Administrator.

3.3 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.



The Wirral Safeguarding Adults Board is supported by an executive group which is made up of the 3 statutory board partners i.e LA, Police and CCG (now ICS). There

are then a number of sub groups which deliver the work of the board in line with the strategic plan. Alongside that the board links with the other key strategic boards in Wirral i.e Helath & Wellbeing board, Childrens Partnership, Safer Wirral Partnership Board and the Domestic Abuse Alliance. In order to fulfil its responsibilities around Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) Wirral is part of the Merseyside Safeguarding Adult Review group which considers referrals for SARs and makes recommendations to the independent chair for final decision making.

3.4 The Board's Strategic Plan for 2022 – 2024 is due for final sign off on 19 September; however, the following diagram shows the work streams have been agreed.



**WIRRAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**STRATEGIC PLAN 2022- 2024**

Improving the awareness of adult abuse and neglect and improving the quality of adult safeguarding services for the residents of Wirral and those working with them.

**BE ASSURED...**

1. Quality of Services
2. Neglect (Whole family approach)
3. Chapter 14 Self Assessment & MA Audits
4. VPRF Referrals - police

**BE HEARD...**

1. Advocacy
2. Connectivity (Frontline and Public)

**BE KNOWLEDGABLE AND SKILLED...**

1. Multi-Agency Training
2. Learning from SARs and other reviews
3. PiPoT (Persons in Position of Trust)
4. LPS – Liberty Protection Safeguards

The Board have agreed on 3 overarching objectives for the next 18 months; To be Assured, To be Heard and To be Knowledgeable and Skilled. Some of the workstreams under these priorities will include quality of services, multi-agency self assessments, a joint neglect strategy with the Childrens Partnership, use of Advocacy services, engagement with the general public and frontline workers and multi-agency safeguarding training.

**4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report as costs are already budgeted for.

**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 of the 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.

## **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

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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

<https://wirralsapb.co.uk/the-board/annual-reports-business-plans/>

Care Act 2014

WSAPB Terms of Reference

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee	18 January 2021
Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee	3 March 2022