

## **PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2015**

### **OXFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14**

**Report by Seona Douglas, Deputy Director, Adult Social Care**

#### **Introduction**

1. The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board (OSAB) Annual Report 2013/14 is attached as a separate document. The OSAB is required to report annually on the work of the Board and of its partners, assessing the position of the partnership in relation to the safeguarding of adults at risk within Oxfordshire.

#### **Exempt Information**

2. N/A

#### **OSAB Annual Report 2013/14**

3. The report outlines the work of the Board and its partners to safeguard adults at risk within Oxfordshire for the financial year 2013/14. It also covers the main national and local policy changes that happened in that period.
4. When concerns about possible abuse or neglect are reported into the multi-agency safeguarding process, this is now called a Safeguarding Alert. The committee should note the significant increase number of safeguarding alerts (a 49% increase on the 2012/13 year). The majority of this increase is seen in alerts concerning people aged 75+. This is thought to be down to an increase in the awareness of Adult Safeguarding rather than representing a spike in actual incidents.
5. Whilst initial enquiries are made in relation to all alerts and records of all alerts are retained and reviewed, not all will require a formal strategy discussion or investigation in accordance with adult safeguarding procedures as there may be more appropriate ways of responding to the concern. Where further action is require the alert is progressed to a referral and a strategy discussion or investigation is held. The rate of conversion from alerts to referrals was 44% in 2013/14.
6. The Board has agreed 4 priorities for the year 2014/15.
  - (a) Priority 1: Improve information sharing between partner agencies to strengthen joint working to safeguard adults from abuse/harm.
  - (b) Priority 2: Develop methods for engaging service users and carers to capture their views and experience.

- (c) Priority 3: Ensure there is a strong multi-agency approach to prevent adult abuse/harm.
- (d) Priority 4: Ensure there are robust processes and procedures in place to respond to national and local safeguarding developments by risk assessing the impact of developments and risk assess response.

### **Financial and Staff Implications**

- 7. N/A

### **Equalities Implications**

- 8. N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 9. **The Performance Scrutiny Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report**

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Background papers: N/A