

PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 5 October 2017

OSAB Annual Report 2016-17

Report by Independent Chair

1. Introduction

The OSAB is required to report annually on the work of the Board and of its partners, assessing the position of the partnerships in relation to the safeguarding adults at risk within Oxfordshire.

2. Summary

The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board has made great strides in the last year in bringing together partners to better protect adults in Oxfordshire.

How well are we safeguarding people?

Within Oxfordshire we have seen a reduction in the numbers of adults going missing and an increase in the number of care providers rated as Good by the Care Quality Commission.

Our Fire & Rescue Service have conducted over 3,000 wellbeing checks on some of the most vulnerable in our society.

While there has been an increase in activity within safeguarding, we have also seen an increase in those who have had their risk reduced or removed by the interventions of the professionals.

Making safeguarding personal: how we measure it

As part of empowering those who are involved in safeguarding, 90% of people are now defining what they want to happen and a majority report they are satisfied with the outcome of the safeguarding work.

Safeguarding Board effectiveness

The peer review challenge session showed the Safeguarding Board had made “significant improvements across all areas of activity in a relatively short time”. The Board will work to maintain these high standards and has built the recommendations from the challenge session into the strategic plan for 2017/18.

Board Strategy 2017-18

The Board will work on increasing professionals' understanding of safeguarding across the partnership and improve the levels of concerns that go on to become investigations. We will also work on how we engage those who have experienced safeguarding so the Board hears the voice of these experts by experience to improve our response to safeguarding issues and work to prevent them occurring in the first place.

3. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to:

- a) note that the adult safeguarding partnership is working across Oxfordshire but there are severe pressure points in relation to the increased complexity of cases and activity in the system;**
- b) consider the implications for the partnership in relation to increasingly fewer resources being made available due to budgetary considerations; and**
- c) note the Business Plan for 2017-18 contained at the end of the document.**

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