

OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD – 5 NOVEMBER 2015

Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board – Annual Report 2014-15 Executive Summary

The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board (OSAB) annual report for 2014-15 covers the work of the Board and its partners during the last financial year. It outlines the local and national context in which we were operating last year and the issues and challenges facing the Board and social care going forward. The report will be presented at the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting by Sarah Mitchell, Independent Chair of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board, who assumed the role in September 2015. A copy is being dispatched to HWBB Members on the 29 October as it contains embargoed national data that cannot be released until that day.

The key challenges are noted as the implementation of the Care Act (both by the Board and its partner agencies) and resourcing the Board so it can operate effectively.

Priorities for 2015-16

The report contains four priorities for the Board for the current year

1. Ensure that people who use health and social care services and their families are at the centre of any decisions about their care and support.
2. Develop a multi-agency protocol on Provider mergers and significant changes which will ensure agencies manage provider change safely.
3. Implementation of the Peer Review Action Plan which covers governance arrangements, quality assurance and good practice issues, so that the Board is compliant with the Care Act.
4. Ensure that the Board is sufficiently resourced to deliver its ambition.

These are draft proposals pending the OSAB's development day on 30 November and the new Chair will be pleased to return to the HWBB to present the Strategic Plan once it has been written.

Recommendations

The Health & Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- (a) ensure the report is discussed within member agency Governance meetings;
- (b) note the increased pressure on Adult Social Care with the rising number of safeguarding alerts;
- (c) challenge the progress of the Care Act implementation within the member agencies; and
- (d) consider how the HWBB can satisfy itself that members agencies are carrying out their duties with due regard for the safeguarding of vulnerable people.