

Council Report

Title: The Safeguarding Adults Strategy

To Be Presented to: The Health and Wellbeing Board 24th February 2016

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Summary

A Briefing for the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Safeguarding Strategy

In June 2015 Professor Graeme Betts commissioned a peer review to be completed by Dr Adi Cooper (Chair for ADASS) and Stephen Forbes (Executive Head of Adult Social Care at the London Borough of Sutton). The review highlighted the need for the Rotherham Safeguarding Adult Board (RSAB) to have a comprehensive and detailed Safeguarding Adults Strategy. Mike Briggs was commissioned to develop and write The Safeguarding Adults Strategy which was developed with partner agencies and community representatives of Rotherham to help RSAB to continue to improve Safeguarding practices by working together with shared objectives and goals. The document explains in plain language what a Safeguarding Adult Board is, why it is required and what its responsibilities are. The Strategy is a three year plan and clearly details priorities and how the Safeguarding Adults Strategy can be delivered. The Strategy builds on excellent work previously undertaken and sets out the vision and priorities for future work; a vision that people should be able to live a life free from harm.

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To publish The Safeguarding Strategy.
- 1.2 With a published Strategy the residents of Rotherham will have a clear message that Rotherham Safeguarding Adults is transparent in its practice, its vision and its promises, increasing public confidence.
- 1.3 To develop a multi-agency working party to develop an action plan to deliver the Strategy.
- 1.4 To roll out the action plan to deliver the Strategy.

2. List of Appendices Included

- 2.1 The Safeguarding Strategy final draft

3. Background Papers

- 3.1 Safeguarding Review June 2015 by Dr Adi Cooper and Stephen Forbes
- 3.2 RSAB work plan 2015/16
- 3.3 The Boards constitution including its terms of reference
- 3.4 South Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Procedures

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel:

Presented to Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board on 11.01.2016

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No