

Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee 17th July 2012

Report of the Director of ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES

The Annual Report of Dudley Safeguarding Adults Board 2011

Purpose of Report

1. To present to the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee Annual Report of the Dudley Safeguarding Adults Board.

Background

2. In 2000 the Department of Health issued the “No Secrets” Guidance which gave local councils the lead role for setting up a multi-agency committee and established policy, procedures and guidance for work with vulnerable adults.
3. The Dudley Adult Protection Committee was established in 2004 and became the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board in 2009 and the Safeguarding Adults Board in 2011. The Board includes representatives of all the key agencies – DMBC; the PCT; Dudley Group of Hospitals; Police; the Mental Health Trust; Probation and the Independent Sector
4. The Board has three sub-groups, Policy, Adult and Training. The Board collects statistical information on the number of adult protection incidents reported in Dudley and is responsible for auditing multi-agency safeguarding work. The Board works closely with the Safe & Sound Partnership and the Children’s Safeguarding Board.
5. In 2011 there were significant improvements made in the safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable adults in Dudley, which are set out in the Annual Report.
6. In 2011 Dudley Safeguarding Adults Board members worked with other West Midlands Authorities to develop a joint Safeguard & Protect Procedure to provide consistency for agencies which work across the authorities boundaries.
7. The Business Plan focus is outlined within the Annual Report and details progress within 2011 and actions planned for 2012.

Finance

8. In accordance with our statutory responsibilities, the Council funds a Head of Service Post, an administrator and three part-time administrative support staff who have responsibility for minuting adult protection conferences and the sub-groups of

the board. The Council also funds most of the cost of the annual training programme through the Social Care training grant.

Law

9. The main legalisation governing adult protection is contained in sections 21, 26 & 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948, the Community Care Act 1991 and Mental Health Acts 1983 and 2007.

Equality Impact

10. The Safeguard & Protect Policy and Procedures were consistent with Equal Opportunities Policy of the Council.:

Recommendation

11. The Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the Annual Report.

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List of Background Papers