

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD - 9TH MARCH 2016****ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE TELFORD & WREKIN SAFEGUARDING
ADULT BOARD (TWSAB) & LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD
(TWLSCB)****REPORT OF: ANDREW MASON, INDEPENDENT CHAIR****PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT****1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS**

The Care Act 2014 introduced a requirement on all local authorities to establish a Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) which would be, for the first time on a statutory footing. Although Telford & Wrekin already had a joint board with Shropshire, it was agreed that a separate Board should be established in order to better meet the needs of the Telford and Wrekin population. The Board received a report back in June 2015 providing assurance on the governance arrangements which had been put in place for the management of the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Adults Board (TWSAB) which was launched on 1st April 2015.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children requires effective co-ordination. For this reason the Children Act 2004 requires each Local Authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). Section 10 of this Act places a duty to cooperate to improve the wellbeing of children and young people on the Local Authority and its Board Partners. The Board has previously received the annual report of the Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board (TWSCB) providing an update on the progress made during the year and areas of future development.

This report provides an update on progress made by the TWSAB and TWSCB since April 2015.

It is proposed that an annual update is presented to the HWBB from both the TWSAB and TWSCB to ensure links are made across all partnership boards in terms of the work areas being covered and potential joint working. It would be beneficial if linkages across Boards could be formalised with an expectation that representatives sitting on both the TWSAB/TWSCB and the HWBB provide a link between the two Boards to ensure linkages are made and duplication avoided.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- To note progress of the TWSAB and TWSCB over the last 12 months.
- Cascade information via respective Commissioning and Transformation Partnership (CATP) Chairs to ensure linkages and consistency in approach.
- Ensure that individuals who are representatives on both the HWBB and the TWSAB and/or TWSCB provide regular updates to the respective boards as and when appropriate.

3. IMPACT OF ACTION

The purpose of the Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is to reduce the risk of harm to adults within our community and enhance the quality of life for adults who are, or may be, at risk of being harmed or abused. The focus of the Board in its first year has been establishing a sound governance structure on which to build and develop over the coming 12 months. Work has however commenced on developing a performance framework for the SAB – this will continue to be developed over the coming 12 months, collating both qualitative and quantitative information in order to demonstrate the impact of the Board on the most vulnerable adults who are unable to protect themselves from abuse and neglect with a particular focus on Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) which ensures individuals and their desired outcomes are at the centre of the safeguarding process.

The work of the Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board (TWSCB) fits within the wider context of all children's services and aims to improve the wellbeing of children and young people in Telford and Wrekin. Working Together 2015 identifies the statutory objectives and functions of LSCBs:

- to coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and
- to ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

The TWSCB has several key areas of focus (which can be found in the [Strategic Business Plan 2015-16](#)) and each area has a performance framework to assist in demonstrating the impact the TWSCB has had on that specific area. The TWSCB Annual Report outlines the impact the TWSCB has had to children and young people within the Borough during that year.

4. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to a specific HWB Priority	
	No	Although safeguarding does not contribute to a specific HWBB priority, it is recognised that safeguarding should be a key consideration and principle at the centre of all partnership working across all Boards and should be a common strand across all work areas.
	Do these proposals contribute to specific Co-Operative Council priority objective(s)?	
	Yes	Protect and support our vulnerable children and adults
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	The safeguarding boards aim to protect adults and children who are or maybe at risk or being harmed or abused.
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	<p>Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report for 2014/15 is now published and can be found at the following link – this report summarises progress since April 2015.</p> <p>The first Safeguarding Adults Board annual report for 15/16 is drafted but will not be formally published until June 2016. However, this report summaries progress and achievements of the Board over the last 12 months as contained in the Annual Report.</p>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	<p>The Safeguarding Adults Board has gross budget in the region of £63k which is funded 62% by the Council with the remainder being contributed in equal shares by the Police and the CCG.</p> <p>The Board’s budget will be further developed as the Board becomes established and it’s work plans agreed but this must be based on the level of sustainable funding made available through partners.</p>

		<p>The Safeguarding Children’s Board has a gross budget in the region of £189k with 53% of this funded by the Council and the rest funded by partners contributions including the CCG, Police and schools.</p>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	<p><u>TWSAB</u></p> <p>The Care Act 2014 received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014. Part 1 of the Act (Care and Support) came into force on 1 April 2015. In Part 1, Sections 42 to 47 and Schedule 2 set out the local authority’s responsibilities for adult safeguarding for the first time in Statute.</p> <p>Section 43 requires each local authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (“SAB”) for its area. The objective of the SAB is to help and protect adults in its area in cases as described in Section 42.</p> <p>The SAB must seek to achieve its objective by coordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of its member’s activities and may do anything which appears to it to be necessary, or desirable, for the purpose of achieving its objective.</p> <p>Schedule 2 of the Act covers membership, funding, strategy and the annual report of the SAB. The SAB must publish a plan (its “strategic plan”) for each financial year which sets out its strategy for achieving its objective under Section 43 and what each member will do to implement that strategy. The SAB must consult the Local Healthwatch organisation in respect of its strategic plan, and involve the community. The SAB must publish a report after the end of each financial year and</p>

	<p>must send a copy of the report to the chief executive and the leader of the local authority, the local policing body, the Local Healthwatch organisation and the chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>The Statutory Guidance for Safeguarding is set out in Chapter 14 [pages 229 -280] of the Care and Support Guidance published on 23 October 2014.</p> <p><u>TWLSCB</u></p> <p>The Children Act 2004 at Sections 13-16 sets out the statutory responsibilities of local authorities to establish Local Safeguarding Children Boards, the required membership and funding arrangements.</p> <p>The objective of the Board is to co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority by which it is established; and to ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.</p> <p>Section 14A requires the Board to produce an annual report Section 14B enables the Board to request information from a person or body to enable or assist it to perform its functions.</p> <p>The Board has further statutory functions prescribed by the Local Safeguarding Children Boards Regulations 2006 [as amended].</p> <p>The Board, in the exercise of its functions, is required to follow the statutory guidance currently set out in “Working Together to Safeguard Children” 26 March 2015.</p>
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EQUALITY & DIVERSITY	No	None
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	None
PATIENTS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	Yes	Covered within the content of this report
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	None

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. INFORMATION

1.1 Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Adults Board (TWSAB)

The Telford Safeguarding Adults Board met for the first time on 23rd April 2015 with representation from across our partner agencies including its statutory partners (Telford & Wrekin Council, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group and West Mercia Police).

Whilst the Board exercises overall responsibility for all statutory functions and objectives, authority for delivery against these objectives are delegated to three sub-groups whose membership represent all key relevant partner agencies. These are:

- **Quality, Performance & Operations (QPO)** – responsible for quality assurance and performance frameworks to support operational practice across all agencies.
- **Partnership, Training, Learning & Development (PTLD)** – responsible for developing good practice, local guidance and planning training/learning across agencies.
- **Service User Communication and Community Engagement (SUCCE)** – responsible for improving the engagement of individuals/communities with promoting and informing the adult safeguarding agenda and raising the profile of the Boards work.

This report provides an update on key achievements of each of the sub-groups to date.

1.1.1 SAB Update 15/16

In the first year of its existence, the SAB has focussed on establishing and embedding new board arrangements and governance structures introduced by the Care Act which provides a good foundation on which to build and develop over the coming 12 months.

The following provides a summary of key achievements against Board objectives during 15/16 and will be summarised in the annual report for 15/16 (this will be made available on the SAB website at the following link once approved by the SAB:- www.telford.gov/SAB):

Raising the Profile of adult safeguarding

- TWSAB logo developed and approved following consultation with members of the public in order to give the Board an identity and brand
- TWSAB website developed and launched

- Public information reviewed and updated to reflect new Board arrangements
- Promotional event in Telford Town Centre to promote Action on Elder Abuse Day

Improve engagement of individuals and communities

- Communication strategy developed and approved
- Communication plan to share information on safeguarding services promoting the key principle that safeguarding is everyone's business
- Scoping exercise undertaken to identify existing groups/events where TWSAB could promote their work and raise awareness of Safeguarding (this will feed into a high profile communications campaign to be delivered in 2016/17)
- Scoping work undertaken in relation to the engagement of our most vulnerable adults in the work of the safeguarding board. This will be further developed in 16/17.

Evidence successful outcomes for adults

- Developing qualitative performance measures against the key themes of Making Safeguarding Personal focussing initially on 'Feeling Safe and Secure' and 'Peoples experiences of safeguarding'
- Continuous process for seeking assurance on Deprivation of Liberties and Mental Capacity Act arrangements with regular reporting to Board
- Development of a local multi-agency performance framework for further monitoring, updating and development in 16/17

Continuous improvement and learning

- Risk register developed and regularly reviewed
- Contribute to regional policy development group as appropriate
- Reviewed and agreed framework for Section 42 and other enquiries
- One Safeguarding Adult Review commenced during the year – identifying any potential learning from this will continue in 16/17.
- Learning Improvement framework developed and agreed
- Reviewed and updated Safeguarding Competence Framework for Care Act 2014 compliance
- Co-ordinated multi agency audit against competency framework which will feed into identification of areas of joint work and training in 16/17

1.1.2 SAB Resources

There is an anticipated under spend in the SAB budget in 15/16 primarily in relation to staffing costs due to organisational restructures which have delayed recruitment to the post of Board Manager. However, Board Management arrangements are currently being reviewed for the new financial year. The apparent under spend will be used next year to establish and maintain the key role of Board Manager

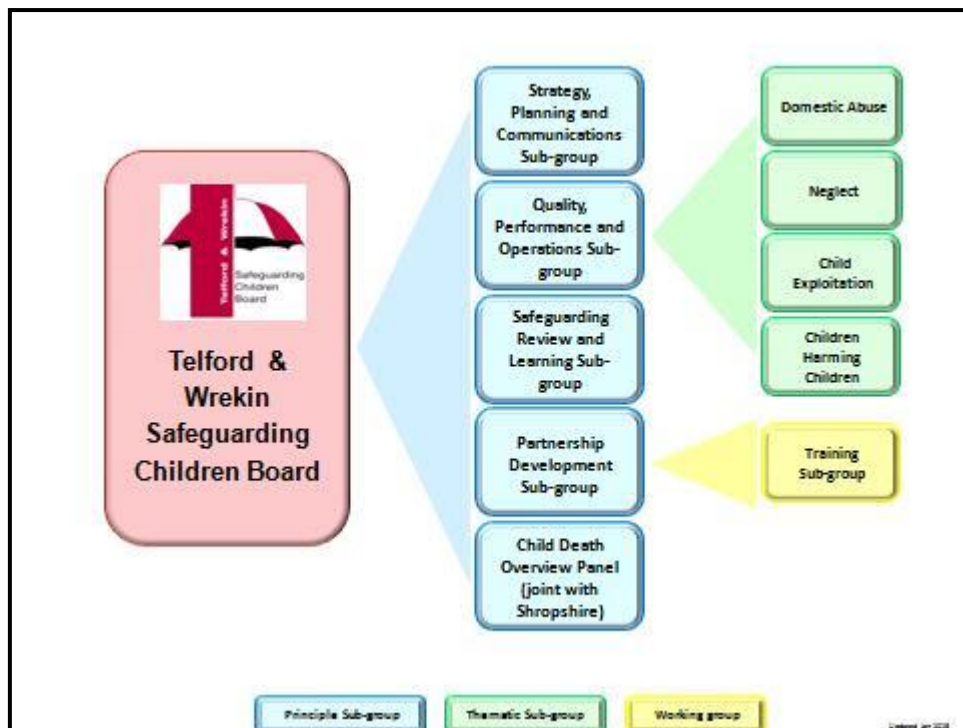
and to take forward key pieces of work identified for 16/17 including inter agency training and a high profile communications campaign.

It is anticipated that the introduction of the SAR process will result in an increase in reviews being undertaken by the Board which may require the commissioning of an independent investigating officer depending on the complexity and number of reviews undertaken.

1.2 Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board (TWSCB)

1.2.1 The TWSCB continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis and continues to have excellent representation from both the statutory and non-statutory partners.

1.2.2 Whilst the TWSCB exercises overall responsibility for all statutory functions and objectives, authority for delivery against these objectives are delegated to five principle sub-groups whose membership represent all key relevant partner agencies. For further information on the specific delegations please refer to the [Terms of Reference](#) for the Board. In order to deliver all aspects of the TWSCB Strategic Business Plan the TWSCB also has 4 thematic sub-groups and one working group. The diagram below illustrates their relationships to the board and reporting lines.



1.2.3 Progress highlights

- a. The TWSCB Risk Register was updated in April 2015 and is continually updated at each Board meeting.

Learning and Improvement highlights

b. In June 2015 the TWSCB published its Serious Case Review into 'Child B' it identified three key areas of learning:

- The importance of assessing fathers and partners in assessments and their families.
- Recognition of the vulnerability of pregnant teenagers, with all being offered a Common Assessment Framework (CAF) assessment of needs and an integrated support plan.
- All professionals working with children should be aware of the research regarding bruising in infants who are not independently mobile.

The TWSCB disseminated the learning through several different methods, culminating in a learning event in June 2015 for practitioners. All actions agreed in the review have now been completed and impact reports submitted to the TWSCB.

c. In October 2015 the Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Discretionary Serious Case Review into the murder of Georgia Williams was published. One area of learning identified in the original report was that professionals did not always see the 'bigger picture' when working with children and families, especially those where the perpetrator was under 18. This resulted in a [poster](#) being created highlighting the key prompts when working with children who harm other children. A second phase of learning (Phase 2) was commissioned by the TWSCB and is currently in progress; this will identify further areas of multi-agency learning which will be progressed during 2016. Work to disseminate the learning is ongoing and will be further aided by the completion of the Phase 2 learning.

d. The Neglect Daily Lived Experience pilot highlighted the need, and provided an opportunity, to review current multi-agency practice in relation to the working and functioning of core groups. This review has now been completed and has resulted in a guidance leaflet for Core Group Working available for all practitioners within the Borough which was disseminated in December 2015.

For further information please refer to the Annual Report.

Team Safeguarding Voice

- e. Team Safeguarding Voice[®] (TSV[®]) was set up as a pilot in Holmer Lake Primary school four years ago. It aimed to engage children in safeguarding and empower them to safeguard each other. This has been led by Sian Deane, Headteacher and School Improvement Advisor. This has been commended as good practice in their OFSTED inspection.
- f. This is now being rolled out to more schools within the Borough; at present there are 20 schools who have begun to set up their own safeguarding children boards, including one secondary school.
- g. TSV have developed some key leaflets including one on the “Dangers of Sexting”. This was distributed to all schools to share with their parents and children in June 2015 alongside a theatre production that schools could opt in to which complimented the leaflets.

1.2.4 Key areas of development in the upcoming months

- a. Children Harming Children Themed Event will take place in May 2016 and will launch the new guidance for practitioners around children who harm other children as well as online safety briefings for parents/carers. The Event will also provide practitioners with information about the national work being undertaken around harmful sexual behaviour as well as hearing about the local issues and the learning from the MAPPA Discretionary Serious Case Review.
- b. The National Review of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs), which aims to conclude in March 2016, is looking at the role and functions of LSCBs, including Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) and Child Death Overview Panels (CDOP). Simultaneously, the Regional Association of Independent Chairs is reviewing how LSCBs in the 14 West Midlands authorities can work more effectively and efficiently together and identifying areas which could be joined up (including regional safeguarding procedures and a core set of performance indicators for LSCBs. Both of these reviews will provide direction for the TWSCB over the next few years.

1.3 Common Membership of HWB, TWSAB and TWSCB

There is commonality between the membership of Health & Wellbeing Board and the TWSAB and TWSCB as the following table illustrates.

Representative	Board		
	HWBB	TWSAB	TWSCB
Lead member for Children and Young People and Chair of Early Help Partnership	Yes		Observer
Lead member for Adult Social Care	Yes	Observer	
Director of Public Health and Chair of Living Well	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chair of Community Safety Partnership	Yes	Yes	
Director of Children and Adult Services	Yes	Yes	Yes

1.4 Future Reporting

The intention is for both the TWSAB and TWSCB to provide a report to the HWBB on an annual basis to share progress updates and identify common challenges/barriers.

2. **IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

No further impact assessment information.

3. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Telford SAB Governance Arrangements: June 2015
- Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2012/13: March 2014
- Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire Adult Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2012/13: March 2014

4. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

www.telfordsafeguardingboard.org.uk

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