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Subject: KENT AND MEDWAY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019

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Summary: This report introduces the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board's (KMSAB) Annual Report for April 2018–March 2019. The Annual Report sets out the responsibilities and structure of the Board and details how the multi-agency partnership delivered against its priorities for the year. The report also provides information pertaining to Safeguarding Adults Reviews, funding arrangements and safeguarding activity information. The Annual Report was endorsed by the KMSAB on 5 November 2019. An easy read version of the report has been commissioned and will be made available on the Board's website

Recommendation: County Council is asked to **COMMENT** on the progress and improvements made during 2018-19, as detailed in the Annual Report from the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board and **ENDORSE** the 2018-19 Annual Report attached as Appendix 1.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Care Act 2014 made it a requirement for each local authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). Kent County Council's duty is met through a joint SAB with Medway Council; the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB).
- 1.2 The KMSAB does not provide frontline services, it has a strategic role which is 'greater than the sum of the operational duties of the core partners'. The KMSAB sets the strategic direction for safeguarding in Kent and Medway. and seeks assurance and provides challenge to ensure that adult safeguarding arrangements in Kent and Medway are in place, are effective and are person centred and outcome focused. The KMSAB membership works collaboratively to raise awareness of adult safeguarding and prevent abuse and neglect.
- 1.3 Safeguarding continues to be a key priority of the KCC Adult Social Care and Health Directorate. In meeting this responsibility, the Directorate plays a key role in the workings of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board.

1.4 Under the Care Act 2014, the KMSAB has three core duties, it must:

- Publish a strategic plan to set out how it will meet its main objectives and what members will do to achieve this. The KMSAB Strategic Plan is available on the link below:
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/partnerships/kent-and-medway-safeguarding-adults-board#tab-1>
- Publish an Annual Report detailing what the Board has done during the year to achieve its main objectives and implement its Strategic Plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy, as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews and subsequent actions.
- Conduct any [Safeguarding Adults Review](#) in accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act.

1.5 The Care Act 2014 states that, once the Annual Report is published, it must be submitted to the Chief Executive (where one is in situ) and Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This report presents the 2018-19 Annual report to KCC full Council.

2. Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes

2.1 The work of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board, which is detailed within the Annual Report, plays a key role in supporting KCC's Strategic Statement 2015-2020 'Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes':

"Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently".

3. The 2018–2019 Annual Report

3.1 The Annual Report details how the Board delivered against its strategic priorities of 'prevention', 'awareness' and 'quality' during 2018 – 2019. Some of the key achievements during the reporting period include:

- The Board's multi-agency training offer for 2018-19 was delivered to 661 members of multi-agency staff. Board members used the tools in the Training Evaluation Framework to ensure the multi-agency training programme remained up to date and relevant and made a positive difference to practice.

Members reviewed and updated key policy documentation such as: the Multi-agency Protocol for Dealing with Cases of Domestic Abuse to Safeguard Adults with Care and Support Needs; the Protocols for Kent and Medway to Safeguard Adults who are at Risk of Sexual Exploitation, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking; and Kent and Medway Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures to Support People that Self- Neglect and Demonstrate Hoarding Behaviour.

- In response to service user feedback, “Shout Out” (an independent self-advocacy group for adults with learning disabilities in Medway) assisted with a redesign of the easy read version of the Board’s “abuse and what to do about it” booklet. This made key messages about adult safeguarding more accessible.
- Members developed a new quality assurance framework, setting out the measures and tools to be used to measure the effectiveness of partner safeguarding activity.
- Board members continued to monitor action plans developed in response to the findings of Safeguarding Adults Reviews, to ensure these were progressed and completed. The complex action plans have now been fully completed for three of the four review cases.
- To help share the message on how to recognise and report abuse and neglect and highlight the support and services available for those at risk or experiencing abuse, Board members arranged and held a safeguarding adults awareness raising campaign. The theme for the campaign was “Isolation and Exploitation”, linking with the wider agenda of loneliness and isolation and the relationship between this and safeguarding. The week included targeted information days on: cuckooing and mate crime; self-neglect and hoarding; scamming; domestic abuse; modern slavery and human trafficking.
- Safeguarding Adults Review Working Group members developed a leaflet, including easy read, for families, friends and carers, who may be asked to be involved in a Review. The leaflet details what to expect from the SAR process

3.2 The 2018-2019 Annual Report also provides examples of how partner agencies are meeting the Board’s three strategic priorities.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 During 2018-19, KMSAB and our partner agencies have built on the good work from the previous year. The Board has continued with its scrutiny and challenge role through stricter governance and clearer lines of accountability, implementing more robust arrangements to reflect clear Board deliverables.

5. Recommendation

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6. Background Documents

None

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