

**TO: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
12 DECEMBER 2013**

**BRACKNELL FOREST SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT**

Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Board of the work of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board during 2012-2013.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Board note the report.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 In 2000 the Department of Health published guidance to all Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibilities (CASSR's). The report entitled 'No Secrets' set out guidance to local authorities and their partner agencies relating to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults within their communities.
- 3.2 A key recommendation in 'No Secrets' is that: "Lead officers from each agency should submit annual progress reports to their agency's executive management body or group to ensure that adult protection policy requirements are part of the organisation's overall approach to service provision and service development".
- 3.3 In line with 'No Secrets' guidance, Bracknell Forest Council has lead responsibility for co-ordinating multi agency procedures that address allegations, disclosures or suspicions of the abuse of adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable. Work with partner agencies ensures that effective prevention strategies are developed and implemented. It is also essential that the Council and its partners have in place policies and procedures to enable an effective and timely response to all safeguarding alerts. At the heart of these processes the Council and its partners should also ensure that adults at risk are fully involved in achieving desired outcomes.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Not applicable

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The report highlights a number of key developments to further enhance the safety and wellbeing of adults at risk in Bracknell Forest. The report evidences the engagement of a number of key partner agencies and the work of the partnership as a whole in developing services and support that are both safe and meet individual outcomes.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of the report.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 There are no direct financial implications within this report, for the Council.

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 Not applicable

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 Adult Safeguarding is identified within the departmental strategic risk register. A number of actions are identified in the associated action plan to mitigate the identified risks.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board
Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Adults Forum
Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Departmental Management Team
Corporate Management Team

Method of Consultation

7.2 Meetings

Representations Received

7.3 All representations received have been incorporated within the annual report

Background Papers

None

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