

**TO: The Health and Wellbeing Board
21 February 2023**

**Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2021/22
Executive Director: People**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2021/22 which has previously been approved by the Safeguarding Board.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to **Note** the report.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Safeguarding Board's Annual Report was approved on the 20 October 2022 by the Safeguarding Board.
- 3.2 The Annual Report should be circulated to partner organisations to note and to support further dissemination.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Care Act 2014 requires that the Safeguarding Board publishes an annual report that must clearly state what both the Board and its members have done to carry out and deliver its objectives and should set out the content of its strategic plan. The reports should have prominence on each core member's website and be made available to other agencies.
- 5.2 Specifically, the annual report must provide information about any safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) that the Board has commissioned which are ongoing or have been reported in the year (regardless of whether they commenced in that year). The report must state what the Board has done to act on the findings of completed SARs or, where it has decided not to act on a finding, to provide details as to how this decision was reached.
- 5.3 In addition, Working Together 2018 guidance states that in order to ensure transparency about the activity undertaken by the Board, the Safeguarding Partners must publish a report at least once in every 12-month period. The report must set out what they have done as a result of the local arrangements, including the details of any Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (LCSPRs) undertaken, and how effective these arrangements have been in practice.

In conclusion, the Safeguarding Board should seek assurance from its members that the Annual Report has been noted within their internal governance processes. The Annual Report is published on the Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Board website and disseminated in accordance with statutory requirements.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 The legal issues are addressed within the report and the Borough Solicitor is satisfied there are no legal implications arising.

Director of Finance

6.2 Not required.

Background Papers

[Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2021/22](#)

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