

Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 7 July 2016

Lead Member / Officer: Corporate Director: Communities/Lead Member for Social Care

Report Author: Corporate Director Communities

Title: Annual Report NWSCB & NWSAB

1. What is the report about?

This is the first Annual Report of the North Wales Safeguarding Children Board (NWSCB) and North Wales Safeguarding Adults Board (NWSAB) (Appendix 1).

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The Regional Safeguarding Boards are statutory partnerships that coordinate and ensure the effectiveness of the partners' safeguarding activities, in accordance with the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. The Annual Report NWSCB & NWSAB summarises progress made in relation to establishing regional safeguarding arrangements.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1 That the Committee scrutinises the Annual Report of the NWSCB & NWSAB and makes recommendations on any issues that arise.
- 3.2 That the Committee receives a report within a year detailing progress on identified priorities.

4. Report details

The NWSCB & NWSAB are statutory partnerships including the six local authorities, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales Police and other key stakeholders. This is the first Annual Report of the North Wales Safeguarding Children Board and North Wales Safeguarding Adults Board (Appendix 1).

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The Regional Safeguarding arrangements contribute directly to the corporate priority to protect vulnerable people and enable them to remain living independently.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

The contributions to the NWSCB & NWSAB are already featured within existing budgets.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as this report makes no changes to policy.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

This report is a mechanism for consultation with Scrutiny Committee.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The biggest risk for the NWSCB & NWSAB and the Local Authority is the danger of a serious incident where one or more of its partner agencies have failed in their duties to safeguard children and / or adults at risk. However, it is the NWRCB & NWSAB role to ensure that partner agencies take all reasonable steps to safeguard the most vulnerable.

11. Power to make the Decision

Scrutiny's powers with respect to this matter are set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Article 6.3.4(b) and 6.3.4(d) of the Council's Constitution.

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