

**Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board – 31 October 2018

Subject: Annual reports of Manchester Safeguarding Boards April 2017-
March 2018

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Summary

Attached to this report are the Annual reports of the Manchester Safeguarding Adults Board and the Manchester Safeguarding Children's Board covering the period from April 2017 to March 2018. There is a statutory requirement to produce these annual reports and to share them with Strategic leaders including the Leader and Chief Executive of Manchester City Council; the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable; and the Health and Wellbeing Board. The reports were considered by Health and Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny committees on 9th October and will also be considered by Manchester Health and Care Commissioning Board at the end of November. These documents report on the work of the partnership.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

1. Note the two Safeguarding Annual Reports.
 2. To identify how constituent members will disseminate these documents and hold to account their organisation with regard to delivering the priorities of both boards.
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Board Priority(s) Addressed:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority	Summary of contribution to the strategy
Getting the youngest people in our communities off to the best start	Ensuring children and young people are safeguarded supports this priority
Improving people's mental health and wellbeing	Ensuring Adults are safeguarded supports this priority

Bringing people into employment and ensuring good work for all	
Enabling people to keep well and live independently as they grow older	Safeguarding and empowerment and personalisation are key to the success of this priority
Turning round the lives of troubled families as part of the Confident and Achieving Manchester programme	Vulnerable young people in these families may need to be safeguarded and the work of the board offers assurance regarding this priority.
One health and care system – right care, right place, right time	
Self-care	Safeguarding to ensure that there is awareness of the issue of self-neglect

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

<https://www.manchestersafeguardingboards.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/MSAB-annual-report-17.18-PUBLISHED.pdf>

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Introduction

- 1.1 The Safeguarding Boards annual reports cover the period from April 2017 - March 2018. These reports demonstrate the significant amount of work undertaken across a range of agencies and in partnership to safeguard children and young people and adults in Manchester.
- 1.2 These reports contain a variety of information detailing the work of the Boards, sub groups and the partners.

Background

- 2.1 Safeguarding Adults and Children's Boards are a statutory requirement and are in place across the country. Their role is to co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and to seek assurance. The Boards have a role in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is undertaken by the Board partners individually and collectively and advising them on ways to improve is an important function of the Safeguarding Boards. In addition to the various assurance activities carried out throughout the year, such as self-assessments and multi-agency case audits, each Board partner has provided an assurance statement setting out the work they have undertaken to meet the Board priorities and the safeguarding work that is ongoing in their agency.

2.2 Business priorities

Towards the end of the 2016/2017 period, the Boards began the process of planning their vision and priorities for the 2017/2018 year. As part of this preparation, the Board felt very strongly that the views of service users and stakeholder groups should be sought, this was undertaken through surveys, focus groups and face to face discussions with Board members. In early April, a joint Visioning and Priority Setting Event was held and partners came together to review what progress had been made during the year, hear the views of service users, identify emerging challenges including legislative, financial and others - that would have an impact in the forthcoming year.

It was agreed that the priorities for 2017/18 would be shared across the two Boards and would be:

- Engagement and Involvement – listening and learning; hearing the voice of children and adults and Making Safeguarding Personal.
- Complex Safeguarding – Domestic Violence and Abuse; Female Genital Mutilation; Sexual Exploitation; Radicalisation; Missing from Care, Home and Education; Organised Crime; Trafficking & Modern Slavery; So-called Honour Based Violence.
- Transitions – Moving from child to adulthood in a safe and positive way.
- Neglect – Ensuring the basic needs of every child are met.

- Neglect - Safeguarding and supporting adults at risk of wilful neglect, acts of omission and self-neglect.

These themes whilst shared across both Boards have specific pieces of work which are 'child' and 'adult' focussed although quite a significant amount is joint. Details of the work undertaken to work towards achieving these priorities is contained within the annual reports supported by some case studies.

We have regular updates at the Boards on the Domestic Violence and Abuse strategy and implementation, and delivered multi agency raising awareness events regarding modern slavery

We have contributed to the multi-agency transitions workshop and will maintain this focus going forward.

We have launched the MSCB Neglect Strategy with multi agency events and introduced a new assessment tool which will continue to be rolled out in 2018/19.

It has been agreed that these priority areas have been carried forward into 2018/19. The Boards have worked alongside the Children's Board, the Community Safety Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board to deliver these priorities.

There are ten sub groups which drive forward the work of both Boards, four of which are joint across the two Boards which demonstrates the overlap of many issues in particular with regard to Complex Safeguarding. I am extremely grateful to all of those who chair and sit on these groups.

2.3 Challenges and Improvement

The Boards have published two Safeguarding Adults Reviews and three Serious Case Reviews. Each of these have been supported by learning events for practitioners and managers with materials made available for the information from these reviews to be shared across the workforce. Some of the reviews identified the need for more awareness of specific issues or policies and we have been able to increase the learning and development resources available to promote the online learning that is available and respond to gaps identified.

The MSCB have ensured that child deaths are appropriately reviewed and lessons learnt shared. For example 65% of cases (41 of 62) were of babies under one year old a factor which has informed the Population Health infant mortality strategy.

The MSCB held a Professional Curiosity Confidence and Challenge Conference which gave the opportunity for practitioners to reflect on how they may improve their practice when working with parents and carers and families. Following from this a similar conference for staff working with adults was requested which had a focus on Making Safeguarding Personal which took place in June 2018.

Both Boards have relaunched the website and training website, introduced a monthly newsletter and developed a successful Trust your instincts campaign.

A new Working Together to Safeguard Children was published in July 2018 and Local Safeguarding Boards are to be replaced with new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements which have to be established by September 2019 at the latest. The three statutory partners of the Local Authority, Police and the Clinical Commissioning Group have until June 2019 to publish their plan. Until these new arrangements are in place the statutory requirements for the MSCB remain and it will be vital to ensure that the transition arrangements are robust to ensure that the safeguarding of children and young people remain at the heart of what is developed in the future. Early discussions are taking place in which both Boards are engaged as it is important to ensure that as changes take place that the close working of the two sets of Safeguarding arrangements are not negatively impacted

3.0 Scrutiny

Both reports were considered at the respective scrutiny committees on 9th October and common themes in relation to Complex Safeguarding including modern slavery and human trafficking; neglect and self-neglect; the increasing number of referrals for Safeguarding and the possible impact of the changes to the Children's Safeguarding arrangements were raised.

4.0 Conclusion

The work and reach of the MSCB and MSAB, as evidenced in these annual reports is considerable, however there is much more to do if as a partnership we are to achieve the vision of the MSCB - ***Every child and young person in Manchester should be able to grow up safe; free from abuse, neglect or crime; so allowing them to enjoy a happy and healthy childhood and fulfil their potential.***

And that of the MSAB - ***Ensuring every citizen in Manchester is able to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. Everyone who lives or works in the city has a role to play.***

The importance of all partners represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board promoting the Safeguarding agenda cannot be underestimated.