

## **HOMES & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**11 JUNE 2018**

### **CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL UPDATE**

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on corporate safeguarding matters and to provide assurance that the Council's activity is in line with its safeguarding responsibilities, policies and procedures.

#### **2.0 NSCB Update**

2.1 The Business Manager continues to attend the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board (NSCB) quarterly meetings (as the District/Borough Council's representative) and has actively contributed to the continued improvements to the safeguarding children arrangements in Nottinghamshire.

2.2 NSCB released their latest annual report for 2016/17 and it is available at:  
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/125777/nscb-annual-report-2016-17-final-version.pdf> .

2.3 The year ahead is likely to see the development of plans to change the way safeguarding arrangements are coordinated across the county with the enactment of the Children & Social Work Act 2017.

#### **3.0 NSAB Update**

3.1 The District/Borough representative on the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) is Ruth Hyde, Chief Executive at Broxtowe Borough Council. The Business Manager - Housing and Safeguarding attends and contributes to the work of the board via the six-monthly NSAB Partnership events, which focussed on Making Safeguarding Personal and Prevention.

3.2 The NSAB annual report for 2016/17 is available at:  
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nsab/news/report-published>

#### **4.0 Corporate Safeguarding Group**

4.1 The Corporate Safeguarding Group continues to meet on a quarterly basis, co-ordinating and managing the Council's, Newark and Sherwood Homes, Active4Today and Southwell Leisure Centre Trust safeguarding activity to ensure it is in line with safeguarding responsibilities, policies and procedures.

4.2 The Corporate Risk on Safeguarding (CORP\_OR10) remains at 'controlled' status.

#### **5.0 Corporate Case Management**

5.1 Details are provided below on the number of internal safeguarding referrals received and managed during 2015, 2016 and 2017/2018. *(As of April 2017, data has been captured in financial years April – March, therefore the period Jan – March 2017 stands alone as a reporting period)*

5.2 Anonymised case studies are also provided as an **Appendix**, which includes two Domestic Homicide Reviews the Community Safety Partnership are dealing with from the N&S area.

5.3 Internal Referrals Year on Year

Child/Adult Split Per Year	1 Jan - 31 Dec 2015	1 Jan - 31 Dec 2016	1 Jan - 31 Mar 2017	1 Apr - 31 Mar 2018
Child	31	16	3	20
Adult	20	30	5	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>47</b>

Referrers	1 Jan - 31 Dec 2015	1 Jan - 31 Dec 2016	1 Jan - 31 Mar 2017	1 Apr - 31 Mar 2018
Housing Options	20	13	1	11
Environmental Health	3	2	1	4
A4T	1	1		3
CMT		1		
Community Safety	16	15	2	9
Planning		3		2
Customer Services	2	2		4
HB Intervention Team		3	1	2
Palace Theatre		1		1
Democratic Services		1		
Human Resources		2		1
NSH	8	2	3	4
Parks	1		8	
Waste & Cleansing				1
Other				5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>47</b>

5.4 Outcomes for the period 1 April – 31 March 2018

NFA & Closed	Managed and Referred to Early Help	Managed and Referred to LMAPS	Managed and Referred to Other	MASH Referrals made	MASH Referrals SC already involved	MASH Referrals – made but unaccepted	MASH referrals awaiting outcome	MARAC	Current Live Cases awaiting further action/response
15	0	4	12	7	10	3	3	4	5

## 5.5 Categories for the Period 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018

Adults		Child	
Self-Neglect	12	Emotional	4
Emotional Abuse	1	Physical	2
Modern Slavery	1	Neglect	13
Physical Abuse		Sexual	1
Domestic	5		<b>20</b>
Sexual			
Organisational			
Financial			
Neglect			
Discrimination	7		
Other - Perpetrator	1		
	<b>27</b>		

Above data for N&S aligns with County and National trends.

## 6.0 Licensed Premises and Safeguarding

6.1 Nottinghamshire County has been successful in obtaining a place on the Home Office Local Alcohol Action Areas Scheme. This initiative has 5 key themes two of which are relevant to the safeguarding agenda. These are:

- How can local authorities, the police and businesses ensure the safe movement of people in the night time economy?
- How can local areas expand their use of safe spaces?

6.2 The Nottinghamshire local authorities are working in partnership with the police to examine these themes and develop local initiatives. This is still in the early stages of development.

## 7.0 Internal Safeguarding Training

7.1 The Council's internal safeguarding awareness training materials have been reviewed and validated for a second year, by the NSCB under their Quality Assurance Scheme in April 2017.

7.2 Our validated course, which includes domestic violence, has been tailored to meet staff/BU needs through a variety of delivery methods (as agreed with respective Business Managers) and been fully rolled out across the Council. E-learning is also actively promoted, where relevant. Training is scheduled in quarterly for all new starters and has also been delivered to partners based at Castle House and volunteers.

7.3 Members may also wish to consider undertaking the e-learning packages available to them.

7.4 The following training courses/events which are linked to 'safeguarding' have also been delivered to relevant staff:

- Working with Survivors of Domestic Abuse with Complex Needs – January 2018
- NSCB – Responding Effectively to Sexual Abuse – March 2018

#### CSE Training - Taxi Licencing

- 7.5 In 2015 the General Purposes Committee agreed that as part of the taxi licensing process all drivers should be required to undertake safeguarding training. A county wide approach to the training was developed and the process was supported by Nottinghamshire Police.
- 7.6 The training has been well received and all existing drivers have now completed the training. The training requires drivers to complete an assessment at the end of the session to demonstrate that they have understood the principles of safeguarding.
- 7.7 In order to sustain the training each Council within Nottinghamshire is now delivering a small number of safeguarding sessions. Because the training is consistent across the county drivers from outside their own licensing area can attend a session at the most convenient authority. This appears to be working well with no driver having their application delayed due to the unavailability of a training course.

#### 8.0 Equalities Implications

- 8.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report

#### 9.0 Impact on Budget

- 9.1 There are no budgetary impacts arising from this report.

#### 10.0 RECOMMENDATION

**That the Committee consider the contents of this report and comment accordingly.**

#### Background Papers

Nil

For further information please contact Leanne Monger, Business Manager – Housing and Safeguarding on extension 5545.

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**ANNONOMISED CASE STUDIES**

**Case 20/17:** An internal referral came from a member of staff in Financial Services concerned about 3 young children living in a property nearby her home address. The staff member would take any opportunity to speak to the children to ensure they were okay and would often find them in their night clothes all day, stating their mum was in bed asleep and they had fed themselves, the oldest child being 8. The staff member also reported concerns about the road worthiness of the mother's car and that she would often see the children being driven in the car without seatbelts.

This family had also been referred to the ASB team by another neighbour stating the children were causing nuisance and left unsupervised.

A referral was made and accepted by MASH. The information regarding the car was passed to Police who stopped the mother the following day (no tax/insurance/MOT).

Two perspectives on the same behaviour – NSDC employee looked upon it as safeguarding/neglect whilst other resident as nuisance.

**Safeguarding (Historic) & LMAPS Case:** Safeguarding referral received in 2016 in relation to an elderly adult male, alcoholic, with the onset of dementia, in relation to a known female offender taking advantage of him, financial abuse and directing others to his property to steal from him. The case was referred to Adult Safeguarding and a Social Worker appointed. Referred to LMAPS in 2016 and referred for the same in 2017. On Monday, 13 November 2017 the female was convicted of 2 burglaries at the male's address and sentenced to 2 years 5 months in prison; on the back of these offences, Community Safety supported Police in applying for a Restraining Order to come into force upon her release from prison and the Judge ordered this to be in place for life with the conditions of not to contact the male and not to visit the road he lives on.

**Consideration for Serious Case Reviews – Request for Information (specific to NSDC/NSH)**

**SCR Consideration 1**

A mother and her four children moved into Seven Hills, there were various concerns regarding domestic abuse between the mother and her partner and relevant referrals made to social care.

The tenancy support officer raised concerns that the youngest child had unexplained marks on his face and body and forced the mother to access medical help. The boy was admitted to hospital and all the children were subsequently removed from the family home and placed into foster care due to child neglect.

Medical staff identified the marks as burns which may have been inflicted by the eldest child.

Recommendations have been made that the case is not considered for Serious Case Review but there is a great deal of learning from the case.

## SCR Consideration 2

A male with learning disabilities and treatment resistant schizophrenia resided with his brother in Newark. His brother has no diagnosed condition but has been described as potentially having a mild learning difficulty (not confirmed).

The male was susceptible to urine infections which had a negative impact on his mental capacity and physical and mental health.

The male was not independent in most aspects of daily living such as shopping, cooking, keeping the house clean and personal care. He did not access the community independently.

There were previous safeguarding concerns regarding possible neglect by family members dating back to 2014.

The male died on 1 December 2017

NSDC and NSH information was returned to the Safeguarding Board and we are awaiting the outcome of the initial review held in March 2018

## **Young People of Concern**

Verbal update

## **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's)**

Legislation introduced in 2011 places responsibility on Community Safety Partnerships to undertake DHRs.

The Community Safety Partnership is currently dealing with two DHR's in the N&S area; one relating to a husband who killed his wife in the family home in Perlethorpe and the other in relation to a husband who killed wife in the family home in Newark. Both are subject to full DHR's that will be submitted to the Home Office for approval.

Any learning points from the DHR's will be shared through the Safeguarding Group and across a wider audience to promote wider acceptance of the learnings

Domestic Abuse – Assurance Learning and Implementation Group (ALIG) A countywide meeting has been set up - ALIG (Assurance Learning and Implementation Group) to look at outcomes from DHRs. The ALIG met on 12 April 2018 and is looking at how the group will function, standardising processes countywide and sharing common themes and learning. This is a sub group of the SNB Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group.