

ASC & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item 36

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: *Annual Safeguarding Report*
Date of Meeting: 22nd October 2009
Report of: *Director, Adult Social Care and Housing*
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 Brighton & Hove City Council produce an annual report which sets out the performance and practice across the City which aims to ensure the safety of vulnerable people.
- 1.2 The report outlines the work that has been carried out by all the City Council Partners and the work of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Board which is chaired by the designated Director of Adult Services.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the work that has been carried out by agencies across the City to safeguard vulnerable adults and to provide comments on improvements that could be made to further strengthen safeguarding work.
- 2.2 To note that this report will be presented at the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Annual Conference will take place on December 3rd 2009.

3.0 RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Annual Report is set out in Appendix 1

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 None

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Financial Implications:
There are no direct implications arising from the recommendations of this report. The cost of safeguarding activity and training support forms part of the budget strategy of the different agencies involved.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 12th October 2009

5.2 Legal Implications:

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults is a key function of the Local Authority in partnership with other statutory agencies. Proper procedures for ensuring the protection of vulnerable adults by their nature have regard for individual's Human Rights as enshrined in the Human Rights Act 1998; in particular Articles 2 (Right to Life), 3 (Right to be free from degrading and inhumane treatment), 8 (Right to Privacy and Family Life) of European Convention on Human Rights. This report provides for scrutiny of the monitoring of Safeguarding procedures and comment on any improvement which in itself forms an essential part of ensuring the best possible safeguarding arrangements to be in place.

Lawyer Consulted: Sandra O'Brien

Date: 13 October 2009

Equalities Implications:

5.3 Older people, people with disabilities and mental illness can be vulnerable to abuse.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 Vulnerable people can be subject to financial abuse and physical and sexual violence which are forms of adult abuse that are reported within the Annual Report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 The Annual report collates evidence about the issues affecting vulnerable people living in our City and explains the practice and procedures in place across different organisations to strengthen our work in safeguarding these people.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 The report is produced on a City wide basis and includes the work of other organisations working in statutory and other organisations across the City.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 Safeguarding is a core statutory and multi-agency responsibility and it is important that there is good monitoring and oversight of performance and that this is presented publicly each year.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To ensure that Scrutiny are advised of Safeguarding work and can contribute to developing practice.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2008/09

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None