

Meeting: Oxfordshire CCG Board

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Executive Summary

Two papers are presented from the Safeguarding team.

Jointly the annual reports from the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) and Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adult Board (OSAB) present an overview of the safeguarding activity and work undertaken, for which the clinical commissioning group is a statutory partner with accountability.

The key purpose of the reports is to identify work undertaken within the local area to promote and ensure safeguarding practice across the partnership is effective. As a partner the CCG is required to be assured that its commissioned services are undertaking their safeguarding duties and actively contributing to the partnership with other local organisations and statutory bodies.

The OSAB report outlines the role and function of the Board which is set out in the requirements of the Care Act 2014. It highlights the risks faced by vulnerable people and most importantly what agencies both statutory and in the independent sector are doing to safeguard them. It reports on the boards work identifying patterns in safeguarding activity to inform priorities for improvement. It is presented in easy read format to make it accessible. Partners identified three key concerns that impact on safeguarding in the annual audit:

- The support for people who do not meet the nationally defined threshold for social care support
- The information sharing, working agreements & communication between organisations
- The increased complexity and the demand on services

Priorities for 2020-20201 will focus on:

- building on the lessons learnt from reviews and audits,
- building responsive and effective services using good practice developed in responses to the COVID pandemic
- ensuring continued development of communication to ensure the work of the board is understood and shared across organisations in accessible formats for the public

The OSCB looks at the work of OSCB partners in 2019/20. The report is the first Annual Report that we have put together since the publication and implementation of Working Together 2018 which placed the leadership of the Safeguarding of children with Oxfordshire County Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Thames Valley Police. The independent chair of the board confirms in the report that the chief officers of these agencies grasped the leadership challenge and have committed to working ever closer together to offer the very best safeguarding partnership and consequent practice.

Details are provided in this OSCB annual report of the progress against the aims of 2019-2020 and the priorities set for 2020-2021. The focus will be on improving the response to childhood neglect, keeping children safe in and out of education and protecting children from exploitation. In the coming year the board will build on the areas of:

- Leadership and governance,
- Improving practice
- Scrutiny and Quality Assurance

These reports should be utilised by providers and commissioners to inform service delivery and developments.