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Title: North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Reports 2021 / 2022 and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnerships Independent Scrutineers Annual Reports 2021 / 2022.

Summary: This report accompanies the above-named reports. A summary of the documents and an insight into Selby District Council's current position in relation to ensuring effective safeguarding practices is contained below.

Recommendation: The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the content of the attached annual reports for the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Independent Scrutineers Annual Reports 2021 / 2022.

Reasons for recommendation

Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children is a statutory duty for the District Council.

1. Introduction and background

1.1 The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board has a statutory duty to publish Annual Reports accounting for the activities of the board for the previous year. This report covers the 2021 / 2022 activity and provides evidence of the key areas of focus for the current year.

1.2 The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership succeeded the Local Safeguarding Children Board in September 2019. This report covers their second financial year of operation.

2. North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020 / 2021

2.1 The report outlines the work carried out by the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB) between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2022.

2.2 The strategic priorities for 2021 to 2023 are:

- Reconnect
- Best Practice
- Work Together
- Adapt and Respond

2.3 By working on and delivering the priorities, the NYSAB aims to keep adults in North Yorkshire safe from harm, abuse and neglect.

2.4 Looking forward to 2022 / 23, the NYSAB has agreed to:

- Reinforce the message that keeping people safe during a pandemic is everyone's business
- Homelessness will be a priority
- Create a culture of shared learning in an open manner
- Prepare for the introduction of the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS), the Integrated Care Systems (ICS) and the Local Government Re-organisation (LGR)

2.5 During the year, the NYSAB have reviewed the Joint Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy along with the Persons in a Position of Trust Policy. More information is available here: [NYSAB \(safeguardingadults.co.uk\)](https://www.nysab.org.uk/safeguardingadults)

2.6 Key topics covered during Safeguarding Week 2021, which was delivered via online communications and awareness sessions, included:

- Suicide Prevention
- Safeguarding in Care Settings
- Mental Health
- Keeping Safe

2.7 A dedicated webpage for Modern Slavery has been developed. This can be found here: [NYSAB \(safeguardingadults.co.uk\)](https://www.nysab.org.uk/modern-slavery)

2.8 NYSAB received 3645 safeguarding concerns (across North Yorkshire) in 2021/22 which is a 6% increase on the previous year. Physical abuse is the highest abuse type recorded for completed enquiries with a figure of 26.8%.

2.9 During 2021/22 the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board received four Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) referrals. Two of these referrals met the statutory criteria.

3. North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2021 / 2022

3.1 The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) is a statutory body, led by an Executive and it carries coordination and accountability responsibilities.

3.2 The NYSCP was established in accordance with Working Together to Safeguard Children in 2018.

3.3 The three safeguarding partners who are responsible for the local Multi-Agency Safeguarding arrangements on North Yorkshire are North Yorkshire County Council, the Integrated Care Board (Formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group) and North Yorkshire Police.

3.4 In 2021 the Partnership launched the NYSCP Being Young in North Yorkshire (BYINY) Strategy 2021-2024. The strategy sets out the vision which is shaped by the feedback from Children and Young People living in North Yorkshire. It has four key themes of children and young people having:

- A safe life
- A happy family life
- A healthy life
- Achieving in life

3.5 The Practice Development Subgroup seeks to assure and contribute to the development of child safeguarding practice in line with National and the current NYSCP BYINY strategy.

3.6 During 2021/22 the subgroup has:

- Undertaken a Hidden Harm campaign
- Launched the Threshold Guide and Early Help events
- Launched the Day Night Sleep Right safe sleep campaign
- Planned and delivered Safeguarding week activity
- Received feedback from frontline practice to support strategic developments

3.7 The priorities for 2022/23 include:

- Consider how the NYSCP website can be developed to support the broader focus on the BYINY priorities
- Seek to develop the way feedback from frontline practice shapes the work of the sub-group.

4. Local Delivery

4.1 The Selby Local Safeguarding Partnership (LSP) was newly established in 2020. The LSP took part in Safeguarding week in 2021 and a focus was placed upon one safeguarding theme a day. Communications were targeted and were also made available for the wider general public.

The local communication themes included:

- Domestic Abuse and Alcohol Misuse
- Hidden Harms
- Community Safety Hubs
- What to report / How to report general messages
- Benefits of collaboration to safeguard

4.2 This year (2022-23) the Selby LSP has reviewed the priorities across the partnership and agreed the local priorities for further development. Subject areas include:

- Domestic Abuse
- Exploitation (Child and Adult)

The Selby LSP will focus our work on an issue/topic every quarter and will include an overview of the topic and general awareness raising. Upcoming changes to practice policy and guidance will be highlighted along with the identification of communication or training needs.

5. Implications

5.1 Legal Implications

The Council has a statutory duty to cooperate in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

5.2 Financial Implications

None identified

5.3 Policy and Risk Implications

None identified

5.4 Corporate Plan Implications

The Council Plan sets out the ambitions for the Council and these are to make the Selby District:

- A great place to live
- A great place to enjoy
- A great place to grow; and that
- Selby District Council delivers great value

To do this, an effective safeguarding function is essential to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

5.5 Resource Implications

None identified

5.6 Other Implications

Not applicable

5.7 Equalities Impact Assessment

Not applicable

6. Conclusion

The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board and the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership are required to publish Annual Reports to provide an overview of the activity that has taken place to effectively safeguard and promote the welfare of both adults and children in North Yorkshire.

The attached reports outline the achievements for 2021 / 2022 and the areas of focus for the coming year.

7. Background Documents

None

8. Appendices

Appendix A - North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report
2021 / 2022

Appendix B – North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2021
/ 2022

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