

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD	AGENDA ITEM: 9
<p>DATE OF MEETING: 7th February 2011</p> <p>REPORT AUTHOR: Graham Wrycroft, Head of Adult Social Care (Interim)</p> <p>SUBJECT: Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults – Annual report</p>	

PURPOSE:

To provide scrutiny with a copy of the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults (SOVA) draft Annual report for questions and consideration of any involvement Scrutiny would wish in SOVA issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Scrutiny is requested to consider the SOVA annual report and ask any questions on this area of work.

Scrutiny are asked to consider how they wish to be involved in future SOVA work, examples of which are set out in the report in sections 4 and 5.

REPORT:

1. Each Local Authority SOVA Board are required to produce and annual report. It is encouraged that this report is provided to members of Scrutiny Boards to give an opportunity for elected member to consider SOVA issues and consider ways they may wished to be involved.
2. Proposals have been developed during 2010 to restructure the SOVA board. These proposals which have been agreed between all agencies include;
 - i. A board consisting of senior/chief officers similar in structure to the Children's safeguarding board.
 - ii. A revised Executive with representatives off all agencies, with clearer reporting arrangements.
 - iii. Adult Portfolio membership of board.
3. The revised SOVA Board meets shortly in early December. This has meant the annual report to March 2010 is still in draft form. Members of Scrutiny have been given copies of part 1 of the report General information about Performance and Part 2 data from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.
4. Part 3 the Strategic Plan for 2010/11 will be agreed at the next Board meeting. One of the recommendations is elected members being more knowledgeable about

SOVA issues. This section itself may be something Scrutiny Board may wish to receive a report on in due course to review progress made on the strategic plan as well as giving the Board an opportunity to learn more about SOVA issues.

5. Other areas that members may wish to be involved in are the development of a fuller Quality Assurance system in respect the provision of residential and nursing care as well as domiciliary care. Adult Social care has a new Contract and QA team which are developing the systems. This can if members wish include accompany staff on visits to establishments and to customers in their own homes who are in receipt of domiciliary care.
6. Sections 4 and 5 of the Annual report members the board concerns the Training Plan and the Deprivation of Liberty under the Mental Capacity Act. Copies of these are available if members wished to have one.
7. Section 1 and 2 of the SOVA report are attached.
8. Commission for Quality Care (CQC) will shortly report on performance in Adult Social care. One of the outcomes areas covers Safeguarding issues and is expected this will show improved performance over the last year for the Council.