
BLACKPOOL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD – FUNDING PROPOSAL

1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) funding proposal

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note the funding proposal
- 2.2 To consider and comment on the current support arrangements and resource requirements of the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board outlined in the proposal.
- 2.3 To identify an appropriate way forward in respect of how the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board is resourced to ensure delivery of its priorities and business plan.

3.0 Information

- 3.1 The draft Care and Support Bill entered committee stage on Tuesday 4 June. The Bill sets out the first ever statutory framework for adult safeguarding, which stipulates local authorities' responsibilities, and those with whom they work, to protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect. These provisions require the local authority to:
- Carry out enquiries into suspected cases of abuse or neglect
 - Establish Safeguarding Adults Boards in their area. The role of these Boards will be to develop shared strategies for safeguarding and report to their local communities on their progress.

It is anticipated that the Blackpool Safeguarding Adult Board (BSAB) will become a statutory requirement from 1st April 2014.

- 3.2 Safeguarding is integral to all professional's day-to-day roles and therefore all partner agencies benefit from involvement and challenge provided by the Board. The remit of the Board, set out in the Care Bill mandates that work should be undertaken with consultation with local communities and local Healthwatch; this therefore provides partner agencies with the opportunity to shape and improve services in light of this involvement.
- 3.3 Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board has had an independent Chair for over 3 years and a support team in place since January 2013, to prepare for and deliver the new statutory requirements. These resources have been funded solely by Blackpool Council.
- 3.4 In moving forward and to maintain these resources a multi-agency funding budget is required. This will allow the employment of an Independent Chair the advantages of which include transparency, objectivity, mediation, challenge and scrutiny. Additionally, this pooled budget would allow a multi-agency Pan-Lancashire and Cumbria policies

and procedures to be developed, which will be accessible to all agency partners and their practitioners.

- 3.5 At present, the proposed support arrangements are insufficient to deliver the priorities and business plan of the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board moving forward.

4.0 Financial considerations

- 4.1 The full year costs of the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board equate to £114,000. A breakdown is included in the funding proposal along with an itemisation of the proposed/requested agency contributions.
- 4.2 In terms of agency contributions, the CCG are unable to contribute any additional resources as their total safeguarding allocation has been given to Blackpool Children's Safeguarding Board and this is now committed. Lancashire Constabulary has indicated that their safeguarding investment is via MASH and further resources are not available.
- 4.3 A budget will be required to deliver the priorities and business plan of the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board. The funding proposal has been considered by the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board Board at its last three meetings and has been unable to commit to resources and agree a way forward.

5.0 Legal considerations

- 5.1 It is anticipated that the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board will become a statutory requirement of the local authority from 1st April 2014. Therefore an agreement will need to be reached so that the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board can fulfil its statutory duties.

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Appendices attached:

Appendix 7a: Blackpool Adult Safeguarding Briefing Note

Background papers:

None

Websites and e-mail links for further information:

N/A

Glossary:

None