

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	6 July 2023

## OVERVIEW OF THE BLACKPOOL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To share with Scrutiny Members an overview of the Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board and plans to develop a Place Based service.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To comment upon progress being made, propose potential improvements and highlight any areas for further scrutiny which will be reported back as appropriate.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure constructive and robust scrutiny of these areas of work.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?  
No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered: None at this time.

### 5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is: Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

6.0 A decision has been taken across the three authorities, and in partnership with relevant stakeholders, to disband the centralised Joint Partnership Business Unit which provided support for the Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen Safeguarding Adult Boards and their various sub-groups.

### 6.1 New Developments

Plans are underway for each area including Blackpool to become 'place based' and is

anticipated to be implemented by September 2023. The Blackpool business unit structure and governance arrangements are yet to be finalised but plans are well advanced. Pan-Lancashire agreed projects will continue to be pursued such as the Healthwatch project to ensure the 'voice' of service users and Making Safeguarding Personal is embedded in practice.

## 6.2 **New Chair**

The recruitment for a new Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair for Blackpool is in progress. The interview and selection process will take place in August 2023. The Board Chair in conjunction with Partners will review and refresh the governance arrangements and hold a development session to identify new priorities for the Safeguarding Adults Board. It is anticipated the new Chair will lead our Board Development Day in September, which will refresh our membership, structure and priorities.

## 6.3 **Annual Report**

The Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board – Annual Report 2022/23 is currently being produced. This is a statutory duty under the Care Act. This report is anticipated to be shared and presented to the Scrutiny Committee at the September meeting by the new Independent Chair.

## 6.4 **Safeguarding Adult Reviews (Adult V & Adult Q) - Progress Update**

There were two Safeguarding Adults Reviews published in the year. These are independently chaired and bring together all relevant partners in reviewing what happened and any lessons to be learned and are published on the Board's website.

## 7.0 **List of Appendices:**

7.1 None for this update report.

## 8.0 **Financial considerations:**

8.1 Budget discussions are underway with the three contributory authorities.

## 9.0 **Legal considerations:**

9.1 Statutory duties delivered at a Pan Lancashire Level will be supported through the new governance arrangements (such as the development of an Annual Report).

## 10 **Risk management considerations:**

10.1 Risks associated with the change, and the place based delivery of the statutory functions of the board, will be subject to a plan which will include risk management considerations.

**11 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 Ensuring that the board has a line of sight through to the development and delivery of Equality Impact Assessments, that disparities are understood and that there are actions where required to address inequalities will be a key area for the new board arrangements.

**12 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 **None**

**13 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

13.1 **None**

**14 Background papers:**

14.1 **None.**