

# **Protocol Agreement between West Berkshire Health and Well-being Board and West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board**

## **Health and Well-being Board**

The Health and Well-being Board (HWB) aims to improve health and well-being for people in West Berkshire. It is a partnership that brings together the Council, NHS and the local Healthwatch organisation. By working together on the delivery of national and local priorities, the Board's purpose is to make existing services more effective through influencing future joint commissioning and provision of services.

The Board will be responsible for overseeing the production of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for West Berkshire, and for developing a Health and Well-being Strategy and Delivery Plan as the basis for achieving these aims. The focus will be on reducing health inequalities, early intervention and prevention of poor health and promotion of health and well-being.

The Board is responsible to the Council and will reflect the need to promote health and well-being across health and Council departments, including housing, social care, schools, community services, environment, transport, planning, licensing, culture and leisure.

The Board will be expected to improve outcomes for residents, carers and the population through closer integration between health services and the Council.

Stronger joint commissioning offers scope for more flexible, preventative and integrated services for children and adults with long-term conditions and those living in vulnerable circumstances.

The Health and Well-being Board will work with the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (SAPB) when appropriate to:

- Consult on issues which affect how vulnerable adults are safeguarded and their welfare promoted;
- Take note of recommendations and identified areas for improvement made by the SAPB and report back to the SAPB on subsequent progress;
- Invite the Chair of the SAPB to attend the HWB meetings, as needed and at least once a year to present the SAPB Annual Report;
- Ensure a senior manager with responsibility for safeguarding adults is a member of the Board.
- Ensure that messages and information provided by the SAPB are appropriately disseminated within Board member organisations;
- Consider work undertaken by the SAPB as part of its monitoring arrangements.

## **Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board**

The Safeguarding Adults Partnership Boards is one of the key mechanisms for safeguarding vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect across the West of Berkshire. Safeguarding Adults is everyone's business and all relevant agencies operating within the area work together to ensure they provide the best possible holistic response to service users and their carers. There is a shared responsibility for ensuring that all efforts to keep vulnerable adults safe are effective and well co-ordinated.

Safeguarding Adults work is about preventing abuse and neglect as well as promoting good practice in identifying and responding to concerns on a multi-agency basis.

The SAPB will work with the Health and Well-being Board when appropriate to:

- Monitor actions to improve safeguarding including action plans arising from
- Serious Case Reviews;
- Ensure the Chair of the SAPB attends the HWB meetings as needed;
- Ensure that messages and information provided by the SAPB are appropriately disseminated within Board member organisations;
- Hold the Board to account on matters of safeguarding in all its activities, providing appropriate challenge on performance;
- Undertake audits and feedback results to the Board, advising on ways to improve and highlight areas of underperformance;
- Feedback learning from Serious Case Reviews and ensure that the lessons are embedded in service delivery;
- Highlight gaps in service for the Board to consider as part of its joint commissioning process.

**Both organisations will:**

- Have an ongoing and direct relationship, communicating regularly.
- Work together to ensure action taken by one body does not duplicate that taken by another.
- Ensure they are committed to working together to ensure there are no unhelpful strategic or operational gaps in policies, protocols, services or practice.

Signed by:

Chair of Health and Well Being Board

Chair of West of Berkshire SAPB

Date

Date of Protocol Review April 2015