Who will safeguard adults with care and support needs in our community?
Our vision for adult safeguarding.

People are able to live life free from harm where our community has a culture that does not tolerate abuse; works together to prevent abuse and knows what to do when abuse happens.

Message from the Chair

Welcome to the fifth annual report of Hull’s Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board (HSAPB); and my final message as Independent Chair of this partnership.

Looking back over the successes of the HSAPB, there is much to be proud and celebrate. These include the delivery of Annual Conferences with contemporary agendas; the development of partnerships with Hull’s private providers; championing the development of Lasting Power of Attorney applications; and working with organisations who support Hull’s most vulnerable adults including Humber All Nations Alliance.

The HSAPB has worked closely with the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation and recently supported a conference attended by over 200 delegates from a wide range of organisations. The conference launched the Humber Modern Slavery Partnership, which will set task groups focussing on victim support, training, and criminal justice. The HSAPB has contributed to the development of a Human Trafficking Strategy for the city of Hull and the roll out of the Safe Places Scheme. We have established links with the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board, Community Safety Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board, Domestic Abuse Partnership, Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), Humberside Criminal Justice Board and Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPAs).

The HSAPB has developed robust links with the East Riding of Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board, the Regional Safeguarding Adult networks for Board Managers and Independent Chairs, these links ensure that best practice is shared and issues and challenges are jointly addressed.

The Voluntary and Community Services Forum led by ERVAS has provided opportunities for healthy debate on a wide range of issues; and contributed to the development of the HSAPB’s communication strategy.

The HSAPB has developed a Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2020 this will be implemented by the Strategic Development Group (SDG) which reports to the Board. The SDG is chaired and led by Kate Rudston, the Assistant Chief Nurse for Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals.

The HSAPB has responded to the core duties for Safeguarding Adult Boards stated in the Care Act 2014 (Schedule 2), and has:

• Developed and published a strategic plan for each financial year, stating our objectives, how they will be met and how member and partner agencies will contribute
• Published an annual report, the format of which has been held up as best practice
• Decided when Safeguarding Adult Reviews are required, arranged its conduct and implemented findings and recommendations

The Hull Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board’s Data Quality Control Coordinator, Safeguarding Adult Board Manager and Independent Chair collated data from Serious Case Reviews undertaken nationally over a decade. A report was developed, “A Decade of Serious Case Reviews” which has been presented at a number of conferences across England.

Thanks to all involved in the Hull Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board, particularly Charmaine for providing a high standard of administration and to Steve for persistently seeking to innovate and continually improve safeguarding practice. Best wishes to Rick Proctor who has been appointed as the new Independent Chair.

Gill Poole
Independent Chair
Our first user & carer conference.

Wednesday 14 October 2015 - The Albemarle, Ferensway, Hull

“What do you see?”

We were delighted to have our very first Conference for people who use services in Hull and their carers. Over 200 people attended on the day and we had some great feedback on a really enjoyable event.

As a Safeguarding Board we try to find ways of listening to people’s views on how safe they feel and what we could do to make things better. We had 4 topics to talk about and we invited Allison Coggan, the Health Reporter for Hull Daily Mail, to come and be part of the day.

The day was split into 4 different topics...

**The Care Act 2014.**
This is a law that comes into force this April which will affect how people receive care and support. We gave people clear information on the main changes and answered all questions.

**The role of the Safeguarding Adults Team (MASH).**
This was an introduction to the team, lead by a member of the team. They explained their role, what they can do to help and the purpose of the team. We also looked at types of abuse and harm and included interactive workshops, discussions and videos.

**Safer Places.**
This was a new scheme being piloted in Hull at the moment. It looks at places within the city where vulnerable people can go if they are feeling lost, scared, frightened to go in and receive help and support. This workshop will be run by Humberside Police.

**Lasting Powers of Attorney.**
This was a workshop around what an LPA is and explained the purpose behind it. The legal document allows you to pass on your decision making ability to a family member or close friend. It was also delivered in a separate session as ‘Who helps you to make decisions?’

The event was probably the best we have staged so far. From the range of topics and speakers at the conference, Adult Safeguarding is certainly changing. Delegates where requested to select two topics to attend.

1. MAPPA and managing offenders - Kate Munson, Head of NPS Humberside (Hull and East Riding)
2. Female Genital Mutilation: The local picture - Zoe Dale, Named Midwife for Safeguarding, Hull Royal Infirmary
4. Domestic Violence... ‘Not behind closed doors’ - Vicki Paddison, Strategic Manager Domestic Violence Partnership

Another brilliant conference!

one of the dozens of great comments we received about our What do you see conference.

The day was a real success and we will be hosting similar events in the future.
What the board have done...

It has been another busy year with the introduction of a new law called the Care Act 2014. It replaced lots of other pieces of legislation and changed quite a few things and has introduced new aspects into safeguarding adults. As the Safeguarding Adult Board we made sure the Care Act message was loudly heard, that message is, “It's not business as usual.” And we listened to what many people said about trying to reach more people with our work.

Every area now has to have a Safeguarding Board and it must have 3 members by law. These are Hull City Council, Humberside Police and Hull NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. We also work with all the other partners on Page 1 to make sure our strategic plan works to keep people safe.

The Board now works with other agencies to help victims of Female Genital Mutilation, Modern Slavery, Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence if the person has care and support needs. These are areas that are new to adult safeguarding and we continue to work hard to address these and all the other abuse and neglect issues in the City.

What the board members have achieved

Hull City Council

During 2015/16 the implementation of the Care Act 2014 saw the most significant changes to social care in over 60 years. In Hull Social Care we have welcomed the changes to safeguarding and have embarked on a total transformation of adult social care, this means:

• Supporting people to have a life and not a service by recognising what people can do rather than what they can’t do
• Ensuring people who are involved in safeguarding retain as much control of the situation as possible
• Making safeguarding personal and ensuring that what the person wants to achieve is paramount
• Maximising independence by, for example, reviewing Deprivation of Liberty pathways
• Promoting best practice to prevent safeguarding issues arising – we held a Mental Capacity Action Day on 15 March to support this
• Commissioning services which are committed to providing person-centred support and making the safety of people a priority

Humberside Police

Since the April 2015 to present, there have been 480 Vulnerable adult referrals in Hull alone. Humberside Police continues to embrace the shared endeavour to make safeguarding everyone’s business. We have this year taken part in meaningful quality assurance work with partners led by the Board Manager, looking at thresholds and decision making since the care act changes. The redesign of Humberside adult at risk alert form, to include lessons learnt such as identification of hate crime, is going live. The Board conference was a huge success with significant attendance and was supported by attendance from Humberside Police, raising the profile of adults at risk. The force is embarking on a comprehensive training programme over the next year of which risk and vulnerability will be at its heart. This includes early help, signs of safety, information sharing, joint visits and visits where agencies have acted alone as agreed within a joint investigation decision.

Safeguarding those who are vulnerable remains a top priority for Humberside Police, as is working with partners to ensure the best outcome for those that require support.

Hull NHS Clinical Commissioning Group

During 2015/16 the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has improved the way in which the organisation keeps adults safe. We are pleased to have found a local Doctor and a Paramedic who will help us to keep people safe in Hull. This will also help us to:

• Provide better reporting procedures between the National Health Service (NHS) and the Safeguarding Board
• Improve safeguarding processes within the CCG
• Support safeguarding adult leads within NHS organisations
• Increase the amount of safeguarding meetings between NHS organisations and the SAPB
• Improve safeguarding adults procedures and processes within NHS organisations
• Ensure NHS organisations have safeguarding adults at the heart of the services they provide

This is what we have achieved this year

• Developed our 5 year strategic plan with partners in the Voluntary and Community Sector
• Held 3 Conferences, all free, for over 450 people
• Held 31 Care Act briefings attended by over a 1000 people from a huge variety of agencies across the City
• Led the way in forming the Humber Modern Slavery Partnership
• Provided free training to 1650 people on how to keep people safe
• Spoke at national conferences such as Community Care Live about our work
• Increased our visibility on social media via twitter and Facebook

It’s not business as usual.
As the newly appointed Independent Chair I would wish to place on record our sincere thanks to Gill Poole, acknowledging her significant contribution to adult safeguarding across the city of Hull. The respect she commands from partner agencies service users and providers is second to none. We wish her all the very best for the future.

I take over as Chair at a time where significant organisational and cultural change is taking place across many agencies. This set against the backdrop of increasing demands which makes the task of keeping vulnerable people safe all the more challenging.

I do however remain optimistic for the future when taking into consideration our strength as a partnership who are united under our shared vision for adult safeguarding, where their highly skilled and committed frontline staff work tirelessly every day to protect those potentially at risk.

As described by Gill in her foreword the board has developed a Strategic Action Plan for 2015-2020. This if delivered against will assist the board in achieving its shared vision. A priority for me as Chair will be to work closely with Kate Rudston in ensuring the plan is brought to life.

The board is now on a statutory footing following the introduction of the Care Act brings with it undoubtedly a greater weight of expectation. The quote “WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY” is something as a board we will have to carefully consider. Our ability to understand the quality of practice and where appropriate its challenge to partners where change is required, will be an area of my focus as newly appointed Chair.

I feel privileged to have this opportunity to now lead the board. I will build upon the successes of the past and do everything within my gift to ensure the board continues on its journey of continuous improvement.

Rick Proctor
Newly Appointed Independent Chair
You wouldn’t turn a blind eye to *child abuse*...
Would you?

So why would you ignore *adult abuse*?

If you think a vulnerable adult is at risk of abuse ring 01482 616092 and speak to the Safeguarding Adults team based at Brunswick House, Strand Close, Hull.