

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Protocol agreement between Wokingham Health and Wellbeing Board &amp; West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board on 11 December 2014
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific

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

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

The Health and Well-being Board aims to improve health and well-being for people in Wokingham. 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 Health and Well-being Board's purpose is to make existing services more effective through influencing future joint commissioning and provision of services.

The Health and Well-being Board will be responsible for overseeing the production of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Wokingham, 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 Health and Well-being 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 Health and Well-being 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) to ensure that:

- Issues which affect how vulnerable adults are safeguarded and their welfare promoted are consulted upon;
- Recommendations and identified areas for improvement made by the SAPB are noted and that subsequent progress is reported back to the SAPB;
- The Chair of the SAPB is invited to attend the Health and Well-being Board meetings, as needed and at least once a year to present the SAPB Annual Report;
- A senior manager with responsibility for safeguarding adults is a member of the Health and Well-being Board;
- Messages and information provided by the SAPB are appropriately disseminated within Health and Well-being Board member organisations;
- Work undertaken by the SAPB is considered as part of the monitoring arrangements of the Health and Well-being Board.

## **Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board**

The Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board 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 practice, including action plans arising from Serious Case Reviews;
- Ensure the Chair of the SAPB attends the HWB meetings as required;
- Ensure that messages and information are appropriately disseminated within SAPB member organisations;
- Hold the Health and Well-being Board to account on matters of safeguarding adults in all its activities, providing appropriate challenge on performance;
- Undertake audits and feedback results to the Health and Well-being Board, advising on ways to improve and highlighting areas of underperformance;
- Share learning from Serious Case Reviews and ensure that partner agencies are taking appropriate action in response to the findings;
- Highlight gaps in service for the Health and Well-being Board to consider as part of its joint commissioning process.
- Escalate serious matters relating to safeguarding to the Health and Well-being Board for action as appropriate.

### **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.
- Commit 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: 23 October 2014**

*Date of Protocol Review November 2015*