

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
12 March 2024

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF INFORMATION NOTE: Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Boards (HSAB) and Hertfordshire Children Safeguarding Partnership (HSCP) update of recommendations

INFORMATION NOTE OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR LEGAL & COMMUNITY

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR ALISTAIR WILLOUGBY (EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS)

PRIORITY: PEOPLE FIRST

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council needs to have robust procedures in place that govern how staff and members deal with concerns about children and adults at risk of abuse to maintain our statutory duty to safeguard their welfare. Work is ongoing to ensure that these procedures are understood and followed throughout the organisation.
- 1.2 North Herts Council is a partner of the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) and Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board a multi-agency partnership led by Hertfordshire County Council, (the local authority), the East and North Herts and Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Groups and Hertfordshire Constabulary.
- 1.3 This information note also provides an update in following the Shared Internal Audit Service (SAIS) report recommendations as presented to the Committee in September 2023. SAIS recommended that in addition to the Annual Report to the Committee, updates were provided in-year, on recommendations “until fully completed” and are therefore provided as an information note and Appendices.

INFORMATION TO NOTE

2. STEPS TO DATE

- 2.1 Highlights from Appendix B –
 - 2.1.1 A self-paced basic level e-learning course has been purchased and offered to officers who, due to shift work or relocation of their home address, are unable to attend the scheduled basic face to face training.
 - 2.1.2 All officers who were overdue training have been contacted, along with their line managers, and individual updates are provided in Appendix B.
 - 2.1.3 Members training - NOTE that of the current Overview & Scrutiny Committee – since the Annual report was last presented in September 2023, only 2 Members have completed the Safeguarding training. Members should log on to Growzone and complete the module as soon as possible (*it will take up to 20 minutes*).

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The Safeguarding team will present the Annual Review of Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Adults and timely updates in regard to the respective boards and partnerships.

4. APPENDICES

- 4.1 Appendix A - HSAB/HCSP recommendations to district councils.
- 4.2 Appendix B Updated SIAS Audit Action Tracker.

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6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 HSAB Adults Annual Report 22-23 [About the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board and Business Unit | Hertfordshire County Council](#)
- 6.2 HSCP Annual Report 22-23 [Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership | Hertfordshire County Council](#)
- 6.3 [Overview and Scrutiny Annual Review of Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Adults \(2022-23\)](#)
- 6.4 SIAS audit as reported to O& S on the September 2023 - [HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)