

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER

25 November 2016

Report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care

**CREATION OF A NEW DERBYSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD
(DSAB) WEBSITE**

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

1. Purpose of the Report

Cabinet Member agreement to approve the establishment of a Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board Website utilising the domain name www.DerbyshireSAB.org.uk.

2. Information and Analysis

Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board became a statutory responsibility under the Care Act 2014. To bring Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) in line with SABs across the East Midlands and Children Board (DSCB) DSAB would like to have a stand-alone website to enable the work of the Board to be more transparent and easily accessible to the public and multi-agency professionals. At the moment, DSAB information and updates are added to the Safer Derbyshire website www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk but this is not the most accessible arrangement because the 'url' title is not consistent with the subject matter.

Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) is a multi-agency strategic partnership which ensures and oversees the effectiveness of arrangements made by individual agencies to safeguard adults who have care and support needs or are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing abuse or neglect. It is proposed that a specific website will demonstrate that safeguarding is an activity which is the collective responsibility of all partner agencies and communities and provide a more accessible platform to promote and describe the safeguarding responsibilities of all agencies. It is proposed to adopt the model used by Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board in having Derbyshire County Council design and host the website and for any costs to be covered by key partner agencies of the Board (Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Police and Derbyshire CCGs).

The website would be used to:

- Publish Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Serious Incident Learning Review reports.
- Highlight the priorities of the Board for each year to keep adults in Derbyshire safe from abuse and neglect.
- Promote publicity campaigns around safeguarding issues such as financial abuse and modern slavery.
- Provide access to DSAB minutes and Newsletters to highlight Board activity and show transparency.
- Provide information regarding around how to report concerns/make a referral for the public and professionals.
- Provide information regarding safeguarding training courses available.
- Publish the DSAB Strategic Plan and Business Plan with quarterly updates so the Board can be held to account and monitored as to the progress made.
- Publish DSAB Annual Reports.
- Provide information for the public around support services available, including contact details for key organisations.
- Allow the public and professionals to have a voice with the 'contact us' section to send the Board observations, complaints and suggestions.
- Publish DSAB Policies and Procedures to provide guidance for professionals to adhere to.

In order to commence work on the new website, Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board requests Cabinet member approval for a new website domain name (www.DerbyshireSAB.org.uk). This is currently available and would bring us in line with the similar Domain name used by the DSCB (www.derbyshirescb.org.uk).

The responsibility for updating and reviewing information on the site would sit with the Safeguarding Board administrator in Adult Care.

3. Financial Considerations

The Digital and Web Development Team have advised that the following costings would apply (these are based on the actual cost of the DSCB website which would be a similar size to ours).

- Domain Name: £20 per year
- Security Certificate: £150 per year
- Set up and Website Build: £1600 (one-off fee)
- Running and maintenance of website: £1000 per year.

4. Human Resources Considerations

The work would be completed by DCC Digital and Web Development Team in Corporate Resources Department.

5. Social Value Considerations

The creation of a Safeguarding Board website that can be accessed directly by people living in Derbyshire and by staff working with vulnerable people will increase awareness of Adult Safeguarding responsibilities and activity, and contribute to increased safety of local people.

6. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Legal and Human Rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

7. Background Papers

None

8. Key Decision

No

9. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?

No

10. Officer's Recommendation

That Cabinet Member agrees to approve the establishment of a Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board Website utilising the domain name www.DerbyshireSAB.org.uk.

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