

MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 22 November 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor A Fox (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs D Charles, Mrs L Chilton, R Flatley, R Iliffe and D Taylor and D Turner.

Also in attendance: A Searle, Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Frudd, N Barker and Mrs J Twigg.

23/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 August 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Adult Care Cabinet Member's discussion was deferred to a later date.

25/17 **DERBYSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (DSAB) ANNUAL REPORT** Andy Searle presented and précised the highlights of the report to the committee. Abuse and neglect of adults was a reality; child safeguarding issues does not stop into adulthood.

The five priorities, in conjunction with the 3-year Strategic Plan and Business Plan were: Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Serious Incident Learning Reviews; DSAB Audit and Performance which had resulted in sexual offences being re-opened by police; Customer Engagement/Communication, which had introduced a matrix guide to prompt questions; Training which was working with Derby City Council and Effectiveness of DSAB.

Concerns over data had now improved. 3,000 referrals had been made to the service in the last year but this was only the 'tip of the iceberg'. Domestic abuse and violence and a rise in financial abuse (particularly vulnerable people) were a concern, as was modern slavery, which was being targeted alongside Community Safety partners.

The Chair thanked Mr Searle for a very informative report.

26/17 **SCHOOL PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS REVIEW UPDATE** An update was presented on progress of the working group: there had been

meetings with officers from service areas who were involved in the exclusion process and with Members. The Group were arranging to engage with School cluster Groups and Head-teacher groups before the end of the year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

27/17 SAFEGUARDING WORKING GROUP UPDATE An update was presented on progress of the working group. Members had received a briefing from officers in Children's Services on the recent Serious Case Review (ADS14) and how the Authority was following the recommendations made and the proactive work being undertaken. Members had also been briefed on adult safeguarding.

RESOLVED that the work of the sub-group be noted.

28/17 BUDGET MONITORING REPORTS were presented to the Committee for information purposes only.

29/17 WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18 The work programme for the period to 28 February 2018 was presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED that the work programme for 2017/18 be agreed.