

Meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board and Cabinet **Date:** and Health and Wellbeing Board - 12 December 2024 / Cabinet – 23 January 2025

Wards affected: All

Report Title: Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adult Partnership (TDSAP) Annual Report 2023/2024

When does the decision need to be implemented? Annual Report for Information Only

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 S.43 of the Care Act 2014 places a legal duty on local authorities to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) in its area. The objective of the SAB is to help and protect adults in its area where there is reasonable cause to believe the adult has care and support needs and is at risk of or experiencing abuse or neglect and unable to protect themselves.
- 1.2 Care Act Statutory Guidance, requires the SAB to publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as detailing the findings of any safeguarding adults' reviews and subsequent action
- 1.3 Locally the Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adult Partnership (TDSAP) was formed in December 2020 and meets the requirements of the Care Act and Statutory Guidance. The Partnership covers the geographical boundaries of Torbay Council and Devon County Council.
- 1.4 The TDSAP Annual Report is presented to Health and Well Being Board and Cabinet for information following formal sign off by the TDSAP.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The Annual Report covers the period April 2023 to March 2024. It is separated into 10 sections including a forward by the Independent Chair Paul Northcott and the arrangements and key activities of the TDSAP during the report period.
- 2.2 This includes the purpose, structure, scope of membership and key data summaries. The report also summarises the current strategic priorities.
- 2.3 The continued value of a joint Safeguarding Adult Partnership is reflected within the report, with a clear focus on consistency of approach across Devon and Torbay local authorities and effective time and use of local resources.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the contents of the Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adult Partnership Annual Report 2023/2024 (as set out in appendix 1 to the submitted report) and the requirement for the Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adult Partnership to publish the Annual report be noted.

Appendices

Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adult Partnership Annual Report 2023/2024

Background Documents

The Cabinet and Health and Well Being Board may wish to note the TDSAP public website:

<https://www.devonsafeguardingadultpartnership.org.uk/about/>

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Chapter 14.136 of Care Act Statutory Guidance requires the TDSAP to publish an annual report detailing the activity to achieve its main objective and its strategic plan. This includes membership information, findings of safeguarding adult reviews and subsequent action.

5. Engagement and Consultation

- 5.1 Throughout the timeline of this report, The TDSAP Community Reference Group included people recruited from local voluntary, community and social enterprises and people with lived experience of the safeguarding process across the TDSAP area. The Community Reference Group had an influential role in the development of strategic priorities and scrutiny of Partnership activity.

The Community Reference Group role is currently under review to ensure that co-production and engagement remains central to the TDSAP functions.

6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

6.1 None

7. Tackling Climate Change

7.1 The Partnership will focus publication as far as possible using on line and social media platforms.

8. Associated Risks

None

9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

Protected characteristics under the Equality Act and groups with increased vulnerability	Data and insight	Equality considerations (including any adverse impacts)	Mitigation activities	Responsible department and timeframe for implementing mitigation activities
Age	<p>18 per cent of Torbay residents are under 18 years old.</p> <p>55 per cent of Torbay residents are aged between 18 to 64 years old.</p> <p>27 per cent of Torbay residents are aged 65 and older.</p>	There is no differential impact.		
Carers	At the time of the 2021 census there were 14,900 unpaid carers in Torbay. 5,185 of these provided 50 hours or more of care.	There is no differential impact.		
Disability	In the 2021 Census, 23.8% of Torbay residents answered that their day-to-day activities were limited a little or a lot by	There is no differential impact.		

	a physical or mental health condition or illness.			
Gender reassignment	In the 2021 Census, 0.4% of Torbay's community answered that their gender identity was not the same as their sex registered at birth. This proportion is similar to the Southwest and is lower than England.	There is no differential impact.		
Marriage and civil partnership	Of those Torbay residents aged 16 and over at the time of 2021 Census, 44.2% of people were married or in a registered civil partnership.	There is no differential impact.		
Pregnancy and maternity	Over the period 2010 to 2021, the rate of live births (as a proportion of females aged 15 to 44) has been slightly but significantly higher in Torbay (average of 63.7 per 1,000) than England (60.2) and the South West (58.4). There has been a notable fall in the numbers of live births since the middle of the last decade across all geographical areas.	There is no differential impact.		

Race	In the 2021 Census, 96.1% of Torbay residents described their ethnicity as white. This is a higher proportion than the South West and England. Black, Asian and minority ethnic individuals are more likely to live in areas of Torbay classified as being amongst the 20% most deprived areas in England.	There is no differential impact.		
Religion and belief	64.8% of Torbay residents who stated that they have a religion in the 2021 census.	There is no differential impact.		
Sex	51.3% of Torbay's population are female and 48.7% are male	There is no differential impact.		
Sexual orientation	In the 2021 Census, 3.4% of those in Torbay aged over 16 identified their sexuality as either Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or, used another term to describe their sexual orientation.	There is no differential impact.		
Armed Forces Community	In 2021, 3.8% of residents in England reported that they had previously served in the UK armed forces. In Torbay,	There is no differential impact.		

	5.9 per cent of the population have previously served in the UK armed forces.			
Additional considerations				
Socio-economic impacts (Including impacts on child poverty and deprivation)		There is no differential impact.		
Public Health impacts (Including impacts on the general health of the population of Torbay)		There is no differential impact.		
Human Rights impacts		There is no differential impact.		
Child Friendly	Torbay Council is a Child Friendly Council, and all staff and Councillors are Corporate Parents and have a responsibility towards cared for and care experienced children and young people.	There is no differential impact.		

10. Cumulative Council Impact

None

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

None