

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD 8TH DECEMBER 2021**

**TELFORD AND WREKIN SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP – ANNUAL REPORT  
2020 - 2021**

**REPORT OF ANDREW MASON, TWSP INDEPENDENT CHAIR**

**PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT**

**1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS**

- 1.1. To present the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership (TWSP) Annual Report 2020 – 2021 to the Health and Wellbeing Board to advise them of the work that has taken place over the last 12 months.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. For the Board to note the contents of the TWSP Annual Report and the contribution they make to the wider safeguarding roles within Telford and Wrekin.

**3. IMPACT OF ACTION**

- 3.1. Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership (TWSP) is responsible for making sure that children, young people and adults are kept safe in Telford and Wrekin.
- 3.2. TWSP is made up of three statutory partners - namely Telford & Wrekin Council, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group and West Mercia Police - as well as a wide range of other partners. Together, these organisations are responsible for making sure that children and adults of all ages and abilities get the help and protection that they need within Telford and Wrekin.

**4. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	Do these proposals contribute to specific Co-Operative Council priority objective(s)?	
	Yes	All priorities.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	

	Yes	All communities
<b>TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE</b>	N/A	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>		The TWSP is predominantly funded by financial contributions from Telford & Wrekin Council, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and West Mercia police. In 2020/21 the value of contributions exceeded the expenditure in the year, which was £159,864, resulting in an increase in the value of TWSP reserves. The budget for 2021/22 has been set at a similar level to 2020/21.
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>		There are no direct legal implications from this report. By way of background, local authorities are under a legal duty to ensure that children, young people and adults are kept safe. There is also a legal duty placed upon the Council to ensure that it works constructively with its partner agencies to ensure effective safeguarding. The Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding partnership fulfils the statutory role for safeguarding across the Borough. RP 26/11/21
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Yes	Opportunities to make a positive difference to all communities and to protect vulnerable groups.
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	No	Borough-wide impact

## **PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **5. INFORMATION**

5.1. The TWSP performs a statutory function, as laid out in the Care Act 2014 and also within Working Together 2015. These gave a statutory basis and stated that all relevant partner agencies should make arrangements to work together to safeguard children and adults within each local authority area.

5.2. There are three current thematic priorities across TWSP, each having a sub-group which reports through to the relevant Boards (Domestic Violence and Abuse and Exploitation also report into the Community Safety Partnership).

**6. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

N/A

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

N/A

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