

**ESSEX POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY**

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

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| Meeting | **Performance & Resources Board**  | Agenda Item | 9  |
| Meeting Date | 24th September 2018 | Report Number |  |
| Report Author: | Director of Prevention, Protection & Response |
| Presented By | Director of Prevention, Protection & Response |
| Subject | **Safeguarding Update – August 2018** |
| Type of Report: | Information  |

# Recommendations

Members of the board are asked to note the following contents of the report for information.

# BACKGROUND

Safeguarding updates are submitted to the Service Leadership Team Meeting on a monthly basis.

# Options and Analysis

**Adult Safeguarding referrals August 2018**

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| Crews North West  | 2 |
| Crews North East  | 3 |
| Crews South West  | 5 |
| Crews South East  | 7 |
| Safe and Well | 6 |
| Community Builders | 1 |
| Volunteer | 1 |
| Internal referrals | 1 |
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| **TOTAL** | **26** |

**Children’s Safeguarding referrals August 2018**

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| Crew | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **1** |

**Community Builder Engagements August 2018**

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| North East | 6 |
| North West | 1 |
| South East | 3 |
| South West | 3 |
| **TOTAL** | **13** |

**Comparison Trends for the previous 12 months**

**Total number of outstanding/open referrals**

The Service has liaised with the safeguarding boards and lists of those referred for which the Service is awaiting feedback has been sent to them. Updates have been received from Southend and Thurrock, Essex are currently working on the list forwarded to them.

**Any trends/ areas attracting most referrals**

The majority of referrals are regarding concerns for older people and their welfare, including hoarding.

**NFCC Safeguarding Working Group**

The third meeting took place in Merseyside this month and as previous meetings was very well attended. The NFCC Safeguarding Guidance was signed off and the new Safeguarding self-assessment document produced was reviewed and following minor adjustments is ready to go out to be agreed and signed off. Essex’s Community Development and Safeguarding Manager discussed the Peer review document which is near completion.

**UPDATE ON RESOURCES**

**Community Builders**

A new Builder is joining the team on the 1st September 2018. Due to an existing Community Builder being successful in the promotion process the department are in the process of looking to recruit another Builder.

The number of cases being allocated and addressed by the Community Builders continues to rise which highlighted that work being done is targeting the right areas.

**Rural Community Builders**

A six monthly report is being completed noting the progress of this pilot and action plan moving forward.

# Benefits and Risk Implications

The Service still continues to manage its resources to ensure that Safeguarding is appropriately supported, the Community Development and Safeguarding Manager reports a number of challenges, which are being worked through with the Head of Community Safety. It is also acknowledging that increased station community safety activity on fire stations will lead to more referrals and the Service needs to ensure the need impact on the Service from this is given full consideration.

# Financial Implications

None specific to this report.

# Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this paper.

# Workforce Engagement

None specific to this report.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impliactions associated with this paper.