

Report of the Chief Executive

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS
REFERRALS**1. Purpose of report

To advise members on numbers and type of referrals made in respect of safeguarding children, safeguarding adults, and cases referred to the Complex Case Panel.

2. Detail

In respect of children, Broxtowe Borough Council has a specific statutory duty under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 to make arrangements for ensuring that its functions, and services provided on its behalf, are discharged with regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

In respect of adults, The Care Act 2014 requires that an upper tier local authority must co-operate with each of its relevant partners, and each relevant partner must co-operate with the upper tier local authority in relation to relevant functions, one of which is specifically stated as protecting adults with care and support needs who are currently experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect. It is this part of the legislation which places the requirement on a district council to act in cases of suspected neglect or abuse.

Broxtowe Borough Council's policies to deal with safeguarding concerns are the subject of a separate report to this committee.

The numbers of safeguarding referrals made by officers of this authority in respect of children and adults in the period 1 April 2019 to 1 February 2020 are shown in the appendix, along with the numbers of referrals to the Complex Case Panel.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the numbers and type of safeguarding referrals, and the number of cases considered by the Complex Case Panel.

Background papers

Nil