

**Report for:** Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, November 2023

**Title:** Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-2023

**Report authorised by:** Dr Adi Cooper (Independent Chair of Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board)

**Lead Officer:** Ashraf Sahebodin, Governance and Improvement Officer, Adult Social Services.

**Ward(s) affected:** ALL

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** Non key decision

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The annual report is for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and is produced as part of the Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board's (HSAB) statutory duty under The Care Act 2014 and Chapter 14 of the Care & Support Guidance. We are required to publish an annual report in relation to the preceding financial year, on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area.

1.2 The HSAB Annual Report 2022/23 outlines the work of the Board over the last twelve months and how partner agencies have worked together to improve the safety of adults at risk of abuse. The report contains details of how safeguarding has been promoted and developed over the last year through the Board and its subgroups. The report also describes how the Board intends to continue this in the future.

### 1.3 Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR)

The SAR Subgroup has not published any SARs in 2022/23, however, one has been initiated and is expected to report in 2023/24. The SAR subgroup has continued to discuss cases, making clear decisions about referrals meeting the SAR criteria and progressing those cases for independent review where the SAR criteria are met.

In 2023/24, there will be a renewed focus on working collaboratively with partner agencies to ensure that learning from SARs leads to change and improvement.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1 To note the contents of the annual report.

## 3. Background information

3.1 The HSAB is a statutory body that works to make sure that all agencies are working together to help keep adults in Haringey safe from harm and to protect the rights of citizens to be safeguarded under the Care Act 2014, Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 and the Human Rights Act (HRA) 1998. Under the Care Act 2014 Haringey SAB has three core duties:

- developing and publishing an annual strategic plan setting out how we will meet our objectives.
- publishing an annual report which sets out what we have achieved; and
- commissioning SAR where serious abuse or death has occurred, and learning can take place.

3.2 The work of the Board is driven by its vision is that Haringey residents are able to live a life free from harm, where communities have a culture that does not tolerate abuse; work together to prevent abuse; and know what to do when abuse happens. The overarching purpose of the Haringey SAB is to help and safeguard adults with care and support needs. It does this by:

- assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance.
- assuring itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome focused.
- working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible.
- ensuring agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred; and
- assuring itself that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.

## 4. Developing the HSAB Strategic Plan 2023-2028

### 4.1 Background

The previous HSAB Strategic Plan came to an end in March 2023. The HSAB embarked on an 8 week consultation with the aim of engaging residents, community organisations, service providers, and other stakeholders in shaping the future direction of adult safeguarding in the borough. Through various channels and methods, including an online questionnaire and drop-in sessions, we sought to gather diverse perspectives and experiences related to adult safeguarding.

### 4.2 The Consultation

The public consultation started on 15 May 2023 and ran until 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Given the statutory requirement to consult with key stakeholders and local communities, corporate Council communication channels were used to ensure that stakeholders and residents were aware of the consultation.

We used various methods to spread the word and involve the community and stakeholders in our activities. This included sharing information on the Haringey website, the Bridge Renewal Trust Weekly Bulletin, Haringey Healthwatch website, Haringey People Extra weekly e-newsletter, and Haringey Twitter. Additionally, we organised seven drop-in sessions in libraries across the borough. Staff members were informed through email, intranet, and Yammer. We reached out to community agencies directly and presented at the Haringey Provider Forums. Moreover, we distributed a flyer to community organisations to ensure broader awareness and participation.

A consultation feedback report was presented to the HSAB at its July meeting. The report highlighted the key themes, concerns, and recommendations that emerged from the feedback received. It provides an overview of the community's views on the current state of adult safeguarding and offers insights into areas that require attention and improvement.

### **4.3 Co-production work**

The Strategic Plan has been developed through co-production with the Joint Partnership Board (JPB) and participation from other partner agencies and organisations who are members of the Board. Its priorities are aligned with theirs and the proposed Board priorities build on our joint experience from delivery of the last 3-year strategic plan. The priorities also emerge specifically from learning from peer challenges, SAR's, and outcomes from the annual Board challenge event. The Board has sought to consult on the strategic plan to ensure that it fulfilled the statutory duty, met the needs and expectations of Haringey residents, and promoted a partnership approach to the development of the strategic plan.

### **4.4 The Strategic Plan**

At the time of writing this report, the Strategic Plan has been agreed and finalised by the HSAB (full details will be included in the next annual report). The HSAB Strategic Plan 2023-2028 describes our strategic priorities and objectives which will help us to achieve our vision. It provides direction and continuity to our annual delivery work plan and embraces the six key principles of safeguarding (empowerment, prevention, proportionality, protection, partnership, and accountability) which are set out in the Care Act 2014. The six principles hold equal importance and are the foundation of good and effective safeguarding.

A copy of the final Strategic Plan can be found here:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/safeguarding-adults/haringey-safeguarding-adults-board-sab>

## 5. Contribution to Corporate Strategic outcomes

### 5.1 Links with the Haringey Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-2024

The Board Strategic Plan has been developed with links to the new Haringey Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-2024 (Adults, Health and Welfare Theme) replacing the Haringey Borough Plan 2019-2023<sup>1</sup>.

There are some big challenges ahead for the HSAB and the Council including supporting through the cost-of-living crisis, dealing with the long-term impacts of the pandemic on resident's health and well-being; and striving to reduce the unacceptable inequalities in our borough, and ensuring every resident can live a secure, healthy, and fulfilling life.

The development of the Strategic Plan supports the foundations of the Haringey Deal for doing things together. We need to know our communities and start getting the basics right. Haringey communities are diverse and continuously changing, we need to develop a better understanding of who our residents are and how we can best work with residents.

## 6. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

N/A

## 7. Use of Appendices

N/A

## 8. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- The Care Act 2014 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted>)
- Care & Support Statutory Guidance [Care and support statutory guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/362222/care-and-support-statutory-guidance-2014.pdf)
- London Multi-agency Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures (<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/london-multi-agency-adult-safeguarding-policy-and-procedures.pdf>)

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<sup>1</sup> [Priority 2 - People | Haringey Council](#)