

Report for: Health and Wellbeing Board, 12th February 2020

Title: **Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-2019**

Report

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1. The annual report is for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 and is produced as part of the Board's 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 Annual Report gives details of:

- progress on our Priorities against the Strategic Plan 2018-19;
- sets out how effective the Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) has been over the 2018-19 year;
- provides detail on the Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) that it has commissioned;
- describes how partners have contributed to the work of the Board to promote effective adult safeguarding; and
- our Strategic Priorities for 2019-20.

1.3. SAR Publication

In February 2019, the SAB published its second SAR¹ since the Care Act 2014 was implemented. The SAR was carried out by an independent reviewer and considered the death of Ms Taylor who sadly died in a fire at her home in October 2017, aged 71.

Following publication of the review, the SAR Subgroup has developed an action plan to ensure that implementation of the learning from the SAR is overseen and monitored. A SAR learning event was held in November 2019 to share the findings of the SAR, looked at actions taken since the review was completed and considered whether any further improvements are needed. The workshop provided an opportunity to reflect on how practice could be improved across the partnership in light of this key learning.

¹ https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/sar_report_ms_taylor_2019_pdf_549kb.pdf

2 Recommendations

The Board is asked to note the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-2019

3 Reasons for decision

Not applicable.

4 Background information

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.

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.

5 Contribution to strategic outcomes

Strategic Priority 2: Enable all adults to live healthy, long and fulfilling lives

Objective 5: All vulnerable adults will be safeguarded from abuse - we will work with our partners to protect adults in vulnerable situations and ensure that residents will have increased awareness of the early signs of potential abuse.

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

6.1 Finance and Procurement

6.1.1 This is an update report for noting and as such there are no recommendations for action that have a direct financial implication.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

6.3 Equality

6.3.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

6.4 Environmental Impact

6.4.1 There are no environmental impact arising from this report.

7. Use of Appendices

None.

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 – Update 9th July 2018
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance>)
- 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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