

Report for: Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, November 2020

Title: Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019-2020

Report authorised by: The 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 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 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 continues coordinating safeguarding adult matters and ensuring that partner agencies carry out safeguarding adults work. This is especially important during this period of Covid-19 response as well as into the forthcoming months.
- 1.3 Given the situation with Covid-19, the HSAB agreed to a scaled down annual report without the need for Partner Statements as partners are diverted into urgent areas of work in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 1.4 The annual report gives details of:
- progress on our Priorities against the Strategic Plan 2019-20;
 - sets out how effective the HSAB has been over the 2019-20 year;
 - provides detail on the Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) that it has commissioned;
 - our Strategic Priorities for 2020 and beyond¹.

1.5 Safeguarding Adult Review publication

No SAR was published during 2019/20, however, one referral was found to meet the SAR criteria and a SAR was commenced in October 2019. A multi-agency SAR Panel was set up to oversee the review, led by an independent

¹ To note: The draft priorities for 2020/21 is a 2 year timeframe. The pandemic may reshape what the HSAB priorities will be in the future.

chair and two independent reviewers. The review has been informed by chronologies and individual management reviews completed by agencies involved in the case, a multi-agency learning event with frontline practitioners and consultation with family. The SAR is due to report and publish later in 2020 and learning will be included in next year's SAB Annual Report.

2. Recommendation

2.1 To note contents of the annual report

3. Reasons for decision

3.1 Not applicable

4. Alternative options considered

Not applicable

5. 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.

6. Contribution to strategic outcomes

Links with the Haringey Borough Plan: PEOPLE Priority – *Our vision is a Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential.*

OUTCOME: All adults are able to live healthy and fulfilling lives, with dignity, staying active, connected, and free from harm in their communities.

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

N/A

8. Use of Appendices

N/A

9. 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>)