

**Report for:** Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, November 2021

**Title:** Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020-2021

**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 2020 to 31st March 2021 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 will into the forthcoming months.

1.3 The HSAB Annual Report 2020/21 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.

**1.4 Safeguarding Adult Review publication**

In 2020/21, two SARs were undertaken. The first concerned the experiences of a person with mental health needs being supported in the local community. The review identified learning around proactive and holistic care planning for people discharged from mental health services, better understanding of the interface between mental health and mental capacity, improved risk assessment, and interagency case management of complex cases.

A thematic Homelessness SAR<sup>1</sup> was also completed during 2020/21. This SAR was undertaken to identify learning from the events leading to the deaths of three homeless people in the borough. Service improvements have already taken place, namely the appointment of a social worker within adult social care services with a dedicated focus on homelessness, and the development of a dedicated mental health and physical health care service for people sleeping on the streets. The recommendations of the review will be taken forward with HSAB partners in 2021/22 and multi-agency learning events are planned to disseminate the SAR findings.

## **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.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/thematic\\_sar\\_homelessness\\_report\\_2021.pdf](https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/thematic_sar_homelessness_report_2021.pdf)

- 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 7: 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>)