

**Report for:** Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Title:** Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2024-2025

**Report authorised by:** Natalie Cowland (Independent Chair of Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board).

**Lead Officer:** Farzad Fazilat, HSAB Board Manager.

**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 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 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 2024/25 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 or experiencing abuse and neglect. The report contains details of how safeguarding has been promoted and developed over the last year through the Board and its subgroups.

**1.3 Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR)**

The HSAB has published three SARs in 2024/25. During 2024/25, the Victoria, Eleanor and Adult Safeguarding and Provider Concerns Thematic SARs were published on the Haringey website: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/adult-social-care/safeguarding-adults/haringey-safeguarding-adults-board/safeguarding-adults-reviews>. The full SAR reports and 7-minute briefings have been shared with HSAB partners to aid the dissemination of learning across partner agencies.

The HSAB commissioned the independently led Victoria SAR to identify learning from the events leading to the death of Victoria, who sadly passed away, aged 38, from sepsis of unknown aetiology. The SAR recommended improvements, including:

- Reviewing the SAB's Self-Neglect and Hoarding Procedure to ensure that the level of risk an individual exposes themselves to is fully assessed in cases of self-neglect.
- Reviewing SAB policy, guidance and training content relating to mental capacity assessment.

- Ensuring feedback is given when safeguarding concerns are referred.
- Ensuring concerns raised about a care provider are shared with the relevant commissioning team.
- Considering the benefits of wider roll out of the London Urgent Care Plan to share information across the healthcare system.

The Eleanor SAR looked at learning arising from the events leading to the death of Eleanor, who sadly passed away, aged 74, from heart failure, heart disease and obesity. The SAR recommended improvements, including:

- Raising awareness of the Multi-Agency Solutions Panel (MASP).
- Improving understanding of how medical needs are considered in housing allocations.
- Reviewing arrangements for authorising urgent packages of social care.
- Seeking assurance from housing providers that safeguarding risks are considered in the context of housing repairs.

The Adult Safeguarding and Provider Concerns Thematic SAR identified learning from the events leading to the deaths of Rosemarie and Mearl, who were living at a local care home. Rosemarie sadly passed away, aged 53, of multi-organ failure and disseminated breast carcinoma. Mearl sadly died, aged 83, with cause of death recorded as pneumonia alongside infected pressure sore, bed bound secondary to degenerative lumbar/cervical spine, and type two diabetes and hypertension. The SAR recommended improvements, including:

- Reviewing resource allocation for quality assurance of care providers.
- Mental health support for residents in care settings.
- Health/Local authority monitoring of pressure ulcer care.
- Care provider management of complaints.
- Audits of hospital discharge.
- Collaboration between agencies in preventing and responding to abuse/neglect.

## **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 HSAB 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 HSAB 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. The HSAB Strategic Plan

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.

#### 5. Delivery 2025/26 Priorities and Objectives

The delivery of the Board's priorities and objectives is overseen by its sub-groups, task and finish groups, and partners:

- **Chairs Executive Subgroup:** Provides leadership and direction to ensure the Board operates efficiently and delivers high-quality safeguarding services to vulnerable adults in Haringey.
- **Quality Assurance Subgroup:** Supports the Board in ensuring local safeguarding arrangements are effective by monitoring and evaluating the quality and effectiveness of safeguarding policies, procedures, practices, and performance.
- **Engagement & Prevention Subgroup:** Oversees the Haringey Safeguarding Adults Prevention Strategy, coordinates multi-agency safeguarding training, delivers awareness campaigns, and promotes effective communication and engagement with the community and stakeholders.
- **Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Subgroup:** Reviews cases that may meet the statutory criteria for a SAR under the Care Act 2014, oversees the SAR process, and ensures that recommendations are implemented and lessons are shared with all partners.
- **Practice & Improvement Subgroup:** Ensures that SAR recommendations are acted upon and works to improve the quality of

safeguarding practices, ensuring vulnerable adults receive the necessary support and protection.

**6. Contribution to Corporate Strategic outcomes**

**6.1 Links with the Haringey Corporate Delivery Plan 2024-2026**

Cross cutting priorities across 'Children and young people', and 'Adults, Health, and Welfare'.

**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 [Care and support statutory guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-and-support-statutory-guidance)
- London Multi-agency Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures  
<https://haringey.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/multi-agency-adult-safeguarding-policy-and-procedures-final-.pdf>