

Report for: Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, 1st December 2016

Title: Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report and Strategic Plan

Report authorised by : The Independent Chair of Haringey Safeguarding Board

Lead Officer: Patricia Durr, Haringey Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adults Board Business Manager

Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Non Key Decision. To note

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 Under the Care Act 2014 the Safeguarding Adults Board (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 safeguarding adults review where serious abuse or death has occurred and learning can take place
- 1.2 Haringey Safeguarding Adult Board agreed a three year Strategic Plan for 2015-18 which is annually reviewed.
- 1.3 The annual report is for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 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. The Annual Report gives details of progress on our priorities and Strategic Plan 2015-18; sets out how effective the HSAB has been over the 2015/16 year; provides detail on the SARs that it has commissioned, and describes how its partners have contributed to the work of the Board to promote effective adult safeguarding.
- 1.4 This report also includes progress on the Strategic Plan priorities for 2016-17.
- 1.5 Board achievements in 2015/16:**
- We reviewed the multi-agency membership of the Board, sub-group structures and systems, and processes are now in place to drive the work of the Board
 - We developed a Quality Assurance Performance Framework and indicators that include user and carer experience

- We reviewed multi-agency policies and procedures and can track review and refresh, (this is delegated to the Quality Assurance Sub-group for oversight)
- We established a Prevention Strategy and delivery plan, which the Prevention, Training, Learning and Development Sub-group is taking forward
- We developed a Prevent Action Plan to take a partnership approach to our respective duties and responsibilities under the section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- We developed a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Procedure and established a SAR Sub-group which considered three SAR referrals and commissioned one SAR
- We developed our strategic planning cycle and consulted on our Strategic Plan

1.6 Board priorities for 2016/17

- Embed Making Safeguarding Personal through piloting the new resource developed by London SAB Chairs and embedding in our Performance Framework
- Improve user and carer involvement in the SAB and develop creative ways to involve
- Consider approach to information sharing and the development of MASH and other information sharing fora
- Improve confidence across the partnership in respect of Prevent Duty through our Prevent Action Plan
- Improve awareness raising through our community campaign plans
- Disseminate Safeguarding Policy and Procedures across the partnership
- Integration and collaboration with LSCB and other strategic partnerships

1.7 The report also provides statutory reporting on **Safeguarding Adults Reviews**. The Independent Chair of the Board chairs the Safeguarding Adults Reviews sub-group. The sub-group received three SAR referrals in 2015-16 and commissioned one SAR. Following evaluation of these against the statutory requirements and in line with the HSAB's SAR Protocol, the HSAB commissioned one SAR this year, which will be reported on in 2016/17. Although the other two referrals did not meet the criteria for a SAR, the sub-group retained oversight of the single agency investigations and learning processes and agreed to disseminate learning from them across the partnership – one involved a Section 42 investigation and the other a NHS Serious Incident investigation. Neither of the investigations were completed before the end of March 2016. The SAR sub-group will be monitoring the improvement actions undertaken in response to these investigations.

1.8 The Scrutiny Panel has asked to be informed of progress regarding the Section 42 investigation which involved concerns about a local care provider and self-neglect. The SAR referral was made by the older vulnerable adult's local MP regarding concerns about her care and welfare. The case had also received media attention via BBC reporting. The final s.42 Inquiry report and the

management report have been presented to the Chair and the sub-group, including action planning from the social care provider Extra Mile.

- 1.9 The SAR sub-group has agreed to pull together a summary report identifying the learning to be shared across the partnership which will be completed in January 2017.

2. Recommendations

To note

3. Reasons for decision

Not applicable.

4. Alternative options considered

Not applicable

5. Background information

The Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board 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 Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

The Board's 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.

Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board is chaired by an Independent Chair, Dr Adi Cooper and meets four times a year bringing partners together from: Haringey Council, Metropolitan Police Haringey Borough Command, London Fire Services, London Ambulance Service, Haringey Clinical Commissioning Group, health trusts, probation, the voluntary sector and lay members.

The purpose of the Safeguarding Adults Board is to:

- assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014;
- assure itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome focused
- abuse and neglect where possible;
- ensure timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred; and
- assure itself that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.

The strategic plan must specify how the SAB will seek to prevent abuse and neglect and how it will help and protect people with care and support needs at risk of abuse and neglect. The SAB must engage and consult with the local

Healthwatch and the local community in preparing its plan. SABs may also choose to publish separate business plans so that the strategic plan does not include practical issues which are not strategic.

In 2015-16 we had a public consultation on our plan engaging the voluntary and community sector, user and carer groups and Haringey Healthwatch. Feedback from the consultation contributed to the setting of the priorities for 2016-17.

Additionally the Board has considered its strategic objectives and priorities in relation to the six statutory safeguarding principles:

Empowerment – The presumption of person-led decisions and informed consent, supporting the rights of the individual to lead an independent life based on self-determination.

Prevention - It is better to take action before harm occurs, including access to information on how to prevent or stop abuse, neglect and concerns about care quality or dignity.

Proportionality - Proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

Protection - Support and representation for those in greatest need, including identifying and protecting people who are unable to take their own decisions, or to protect themselves or their assets.

Partnership - Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

Accountability - Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding, with agencies recognising that it may be necessary to share confidential information, but that any disclosure should be compliant with relevant legislation.

6. 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.

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

Finance and Procurement

There is a budget report within the document for 2015-16 for noting.

Legal

The report is for noting

Equality

The report is for noting

8. Use of Appendices

- SAB Annual Report 2015-16
- SAB Strategic Plan (Priorities for 2016/17)

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

[The Care Act 2014](#)

[Care & Support Statutory Guidance – updated October 2016](#)

[London Multi-agency Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures](#)