

Report for: Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel – 1st November 2018

Title: Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017-2018

Report

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1. The annual report is for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 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 and Strategic Plan 2015-18;
- sets out how effective the Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) has been over the 2017-18 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 2018-19.

1.3. SAR publication

In July 2017, the SAB published its first SAR since the Care Act 2014 was implemented. The SAR was carried out by an independent reviewer and considered the death of Robert who was sadly found hanged in early 2016 following an unsuccessful grant of tenancy application after his father's death.

In 2017/18, the SAR subgroup developed an action plan to ensure that implementation of the learning from the Robert SAR was overseen and monitored. In May 2018, two SAR learning workshops were held for staff from across Haringey SAB partner agencies to share learning from Haringey SAB's SAR Robert. The workshop provided an opportunity to reflect on how practice could be improved across the partnership in light of this key learning.

2 Recommendations

To note

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 Finance and Procurement

This report is for noting

7 Legal

This report is for noting

8 Equality
This report is for noting

9 **Use of Appendices**
N/A

10 **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>)