

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19		
Report of the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board			
Open Report		For Information	
Wards Affected: All		Key Decision: No	
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Summary: <p>Local Safeguarding Adult Boards (SABs) have a statutory obligation to compile and publish an Annual Report and to provide this to the Chair of the local Health and Wellbeing Board. The reports are expected to provide an assessment of the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of vulnerable adults.</p> <p>The SAB's Annual Report 2018/19 highlights the work of the Board between April 2018 and March 2019. It sets out the key achievements, work of the partners, future priorities, how the SAB has worked to improve the protection of vulnerable adults across Barking and Dagenham and sets out plans for the year ahead. The Annual Report contains contributions from a range of organisations who are involved in safeguarding vulnerable adults in Barking and Dagenham.</p>			
Recommendation(s) <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Receive the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report 2018/19 and provide comments on its contents for the SAB to consider as they continue to develop their future plans.			
Reason(s) <p>For the Health and Wellbeing Board to have an opportunity to comment on the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board prior to the publishing of Annual Report 2018/19.</p>			

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Care Act 2014 requires that local partners must co-operate around the protection of vulnerable adults at risk of abuse or neglect.
- 1.2 The Care Act 2014 identifies six key principles that should underpin all safeguarding work. These are accountability, empowerment, protection, prevention, proportionality and partnership.
- 1.3 The Safeguarding Adults Boards is made up of three statutory partners who are the Local Authority, the Police and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board also includes representation from other key local partner organisations and these are Barking Havering Redbridge University Trust (BHRUT),

North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT), the London Fire Brigade, the Probation Service, the chairs of the SAB's committees and other officer advisors.

1.4 The objectives of the SAB are to:

- Ensure that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014;
- Embed good safeguarding practices, that puts people at the centre of its duties;
- Work in partnership with other agencies to prevent abuse and neglect where possible;
- Ensure that services and individuals respond quickly and responsibly when abuse or neglect has occurred;
- Continually improve safeguarding practices and enhance the quality of life of adults in the local area.

1.5 All Safeguarding Adult Boards are required to produce an Annual Report. The Annual Report attached has been produced with contributions from all partners of the Board. In particular, chapter 6 sets out in detail how partners have supported the work of the Board and implemented developments and improvements across multi agency safeguarding practice.

2. Proposal and Issues

2.1 The Annual Report includes a foreword by the Independent Chair of the Board, information about the Board structure and its committees, safeguarding data, the activity of the Board and of its partner agencies, quality assurance information, a statement from Healthwatch and a chapter around the Board's priorities for the coming year.

2.2. Key achievements of the Board in 2018/19 include the work of the two sub committees. The Performance and Assurance Committee, which is chaired by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, has worked to improve the quality and timeliness of data and reporting from all partners, including indications of trends, robustness of assurance and analytical reporting to the Board. The Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Committee, which is chaired by a senior NHS CCG officer, has put in place a new process for reviewing significant cases across the partnership and ensuring opportunities for wider learning from local and national cases. It is worth noting that no SARs have been commissioned in 2018/19.

2.3 The Board completed an all-organisations self-assessment, assurance and Board peer challenge exercise in May/June 2018, with a plan to repeat this in the early months of 2020.

2.4 The Board has also embarked on work and plans around improving opportunities for community engagement and listening to the service user voice. Plans will continue into 2019/20 and community engagement features in the SAB's Strategic Plan.

2.5 There has been extensive work around the review of the Board's priorities and the production of a new three-year SAB Strategic Plan.

3 Consultation

3.1 Consultation around the Annual Report has taken place with all SAB partners. All partners have made contributions to the report, with extensive discussions taking place at Board meetings as well as opportunities to comment on the final version.

4 Mandatory Implications

4.1 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The SAB Annual Report and the work of the SAB supports the findings set out in the Barking and Dagenham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) in particular the themes around wellbeing, supporting vulnerable adults, supporting carers, health, long term illness and disability, mental health and social support networks.

4.2 Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The SAB Annual Report and the work of the SAB supports the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities and outcomes around integrated care, providing quality services, safeguarding, ageing well, physical and mental wellbeing and domestic violence.

4.3 Integration

The Care Act 2014 requires that local partners must co-operate around the protection of vulnerable adults at risk of abuse or neglect. The Safeguarding Adults Board has representation from statutory partners of the CCG, Police and Local Authority as well as key local partners of BHRUT, NELFT, the Fire Service and the Probation Service. The work of the Board and committees is supported by the three-year SAB Strategic Plan which includes joint priorities around health and social care that have been developed by all partners.

4.4 Financial Implications

The Safeguarding Adults Board received financial contributions for 2018/19 of £30,000 from the CCG, £5,000 from the Police/MOPAC and £500 from the London Fire Brigade. These payments go towards the running of the Board including staffing costs for the SAB Independent Chair and the Board Business Manager and administration costs and any other training and development needs. The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham make up the short fall of costs.

(Implications completed by: Murad Khan, Finance Officer)

4.5 Legal Implications

The SAB is a statutory Board as set out by the Care Act 2014. There are no legal implications for this report.

Implications completed by: Lindsey Marks, Deputy Head of Legal Community

4.6 Patient/Service User Impact

The SAB wishes to do more to engage with and 'hear the voice' of people in the community that are accessing health and social care services. Community engagement is an ongoing priority for the Board and features in the SAB's Strategic Plan.

5. Non-mandatory Implications

5.1 Safeguarding

The SAB has responsibility for safeguarding across the borough and this includes how the Board has worked together to protect vulnerable adults who may be at risk of abuse or neglect.

5.2 Customer Impact

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Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

- Care Act 2014 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted>

List of Appendices:

Appendix A - Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19