

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2019/20
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: 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. This year however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SAB's were given flexibility over the production of the report and what information to include. The Barking and Dagenham SAB have produced the Annual Report 2019/20 attached with contributions from all partners of the Board. The SAB's Annual Report 2019/20 highlights the work of the Board between April 2019 and March 2020. It sets out the key achievements, work of the partners, information around the priorities and how the SAB has worked to improve the protection of adults across Barking and Dagenham.	
Recommendation(s) The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to agree the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report 2019/20 and provide comments on its contents for the SAB to consider as they continue to develop their future plans.	
Reason(s) 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 the SAB Annual Report 2019/20.	

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 key 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. This year however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SAB's were given flexibility over the production of the report and what information to include. The Barking and Dagenham SAB have produced the Annual Report attached with contributions from all partners of the Board.

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, and comment on how the Board's will review and set its priorities going forward in light of Covid-19 and other system wide safeguarding issues.

2.2. Key achievements of the Board in 2019/20 include the work of the two Committees. The Performance and Assurance Committee, which is chaired by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, has worked to improve the engagement from all partners. This Committee has agreed to work together to review the performance framework to ensure it is providing a picture of safeguarding across the whole system. The Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Committee, which is chaired by a senior NHS CCG officer, has commissioned and completed a Safeguarding Adult Review, has reviewed cases against the SAR criteria and looked at wider learning from local and national cases. One SAR was commissioned and completed in 2019/20 the details of which are set out in the Annual Report.

2.3 The Board completed an all-organisations Safeguarding Adult Partnership Audit Tool which has helped to focus on priorities going forward.

2.4 The Board has also hosted a Tri Borough SAB Learning Event in partnership with the Havering and Redbridge SAB. This focussed on embedding the learning from SARs locally and nationally.

3 Consultation

The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board.

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 Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Murad Khan, Group Accountant, Corporate Finance

The Safeguarding Adults Board received financial contributions for 2019/20 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, the Board Business Manager, Safeguarding Adult Reviews, training and development needs and other administration costs. The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham make up the short fall of costs.

4.4 Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Lindsey Marks, Deputy Head of Law

Section 43 Care Act 2014 requires every Local Authority to have a Safeguarding Adults Board for its area. One of the core duties of the Safeguarding Adults Board is to publish an annual report detailing how effective the Board's work has been
There are no legal implications for this report directly arising from this report.

4.5 Risk Management

The SAB manages risks by having a 3 Year Strategic Plan in place that sets out its priorities and how partners will work together to achieve these. This Strategic Plan is reviewed annually.

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 adults who may be at risk of abuse or neglect.

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 - The Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20