

## ASSEMBLY

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<b>Title:</b> The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2019/20	
<b>Report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care Integration</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> All	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Summary</b>	
<p>Under Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014, Safeguarding Adult Boards (SABs) are required to publish an Annual Report, detailing their work over the preceding year. The attached Annual Report (Appendix 1) describes the work and priorities of the Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) from April 2019 to March 2020. It sets out how the Board has worked to improve the protection of vulnerable adults across Barking and Dagenham along with its achievements in 2019/20 and key priorities for the future.</p> <p>The annual report contains contributions from a range of organisations who are involved in safeguarding vulnerable adults in Barking and Dagenham. Joint working has been effective over the past year, and the membership of the Board and its Committees have strengthened. The statutory partners have provided financial resources to support the SAB a to fulfil their functions.</p> <p>The Annual Report was agreed by the Safeguarding Adults Board at its meeting on 10th July 2020 and was presented and discussed at the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board on the 15th September 2020.</p> <p>The Assembly is invited to note the report and draw out any issues that Members would like the Safeguarding Adults Board to consider as part of its routine business or the Strategic Plan.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
The Assembly is recommended to:	
(i) Note the contents of Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adults Board for 2019/20;	

- (ii) Add further comments to shape the work of the Board and the priorities of the SAB through its Strategic Plan.

### **Reason(s)**

Safeguarding vulnerable adults from abuse is one of the most important statutory duties that falls upon the Council. Collaborating with partners in the health sector and the Police is mandated by the Care Act, and together with other important partners, the Safeguarding Adults Board is the mechanism for discharging that duty. It is important that all Members of the Council are aware of the work of the Council in improving the systems to safeguard adults and have the opportunity to shape that work.

## **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 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. Financial Implications**

Implications completed by Murad Khan, Group Accountant, Corporate Finance

- 3.1 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. Legal Implications**

Implications completed by Lindsey Marks, Deputy Head of Law

- 4.1 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.

## **5. Other Implications**

### **5.1 Risk Management**

5.1.1 The SAB manages risks by having a Three 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.

## **5.2 Corporate Policy and Equality Impact**

5.2.1 The SAB is a statutory function under the Care Act 2014 which requires that local partners must co-operate around the protection of vulnerable adults at risk of abuse or neglect.

## **5.3 Safeguarding Adults**

5.3.1 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.

## **5.4 Health Issues**

5.4.1 This report was presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 15 September 2020 for discussion and comment.

### **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 1: The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20