

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

9 November 2021

<b>Title:</b> Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21	
<b>Report of the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Wards Affected: All</b>	<b>Key Decision: No</b>
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<b>Summary:</b>  Local Safeguarding Adults 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.  The SAB's Annual Report 2020/21 highlights the work of the Board between April 2020 and March 2021. 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.	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>  The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to receive the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report 2020/21 and provide comments on its contents for the SAB to consider as they continue to develop their future plans.	
<b>Reason(s)</b>  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 2020/21.	

### 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 Board 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 and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS 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 put 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; and
- Continually improve safeguarding practices and enhance the quality of life of adults in the local area.

All Safeguarding Adult Boards are required to produce an Annual Report. The Barking and Dagenham SAB has produced the Annual Report attached at Appendix A, 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 comments 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 2020/21 include the work of the three 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 and is presenting meaningful data and analysis to the Board on a quarterly basis. The Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Committee, which is chaired by a senior NHS CCG officer, commissioned and led on one Safeguarding Adults Review in 2020 continuing into 2021, has reviewed several cases against the SAR criteria and looked at wider learning from local and national cases.

2.3 The Complex Cases Panel has been reviewed and is now called the Safeguarding Adult Complex Cases Group. It has been brought under the governance of the SAB and the process and membership has been strengthened. The group discusses complex cases where there are safeguarding risks that need to be managed across more than one agency. Professionals from any partner agency can refer a case into the meeting. The group is chaired by the Principal Social Worker for Adults Social Care and Strategic Lead for Safeguarding Adults and includes representation from LBBD Adults Care and Support, Community Solutions, Private Sector Housing, NELFT, BHRUT, the Police and the Fire Brigade.

2.4 The Board has continued to have excellent engagement and commitment from all partners throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **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: Isaac Mogaji, Finance Business Partner

The Safeguarding Adults Board received financial contributions of £30,000 from the CCG, £5,000 from the Police/MOPAC and £500 from the London Fire Brigade, while the Council provided the sum of £42k towards the running of the Board in 2020/21. The running costs include safeguarding adult reviews, training and development needs and administration 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 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. 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:** None.

#### **List of Appendices:**

**Appendix A:** Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report  
2020/21