

ASSEMBLY

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Title: The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2020/21	
Report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care Integration	
Open Report	For Information
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Summary 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 2020 to 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. 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. The Annual Report was agreed by the Safeguarding Adults Board at its meeting on 20th October 2021 and was presented and discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 9th November 2021. 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.	
Recommendation The Assembly is recommended to: (i) Note the contents of Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adults Board for 2020/21;	

- (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. 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 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 Adult 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. Financial Implications

Implications completed by Isaac Mogaji – Finance Business Partner:

- 3.1 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. 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 and Wellbeing Board on the 9th November 2021 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 2020/21