

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2012/13</b>		
<b>Report of the Corporate Director of Adult &amp; Community Services</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> The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report (see Appendix 1) was approved by the SAB on 12 July 2013. The report covers the period between April 2012 and March 2013 and provides a summary the Board's progress against its three year action plan and sets out the priorities for action in 2013/14. Also included in the Annual Report is an overview of national policy and guidance that will shape the safeguarding adults agenda. For ease of reference the achievements of the Board and priority actions between now and 2016 are summarised in the report overleaf.			
<b>Recommendation(s)</b> The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to: (i) Note the Annual Report and make any comments on its content or any related issues.			

## **1. Successes for 2012/13**

1.1 The Board has 5 priorities, which were set in line with national priorities in 2012, and has been successful in implementing its actions with a strong commitment from all partners. Some of the achievements include:

### **1. Empowerment**

The partnership has successfully supported a number of events to help support adults at risk and empower individuals to report concerns including World Sight Day, Learning Disability Week and the Domestic and Sexual Violence “Are you living in fear?” campaign.

### **2. Protection**

There were a number of large scale investigations into care services during 2012 including residential and nursing homes which resulted in development plans to improve services for service users.

The SAB also played a strong role in early discussions in relation to Winterbourne View, calling on members to offer assurance of the safeguards in place within their organisation to help prevent the risks at Winterbourne View from occurring in Barking and Dagenham.

### **3. Prevention**

2012-13 saw a strong commitment to preventing issues before harm occurred through training sessions such as the pilot of Disability Harassment training to Year 6 school children. The North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT) also hosted a learning event focused on the serious case review of Winterbourne View as well as a Safeguarding training programme.

### **4. Priority: Proportionality**

Safeguarding adult audits were completed during 2012 by Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Trust (BHRUT) which focused on safeguarding processes and their effectiveness. In addition to this, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) carried out an audit of local providers and the results of this audit are expected soon.

An Investigators training course also took place for Safeguarding Adult Managers (SAMs) within Adult Social Care and Mental Health Teams to provide assurance around compliance with the Pan London Procedure and proportionality. Good evaluations were received from SAMs who attended the training.

### **5. Priority: Partnership**

There have been several successful partnership developments which have seen excellent participation with communities across a number of different agencies. These have included the Safer Places Scheme, development of the Domestic Violence Strategy and action plan, White Ribbon Day and the launch of the Relish Café as part of the Fulfilling Lives programme which aims to increase choice and maximise opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

## **2. Priority Actions for 2013-2016**

In the coming year the priorities for the Board include:

- Improving the effectiveness of the Board;
- Putting the person at the centre of adult safeguarding by ensuring that their outcomes are met and that their views inform practice;
- Learning from serious case reviews;
- Raising public awareness of adult safeguarding;
- Improving understanding and appropriate use of the Mental Health Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards;
- Working with the Children's Board to develop safeguarding strategies that recognize the safeguarding needs of vulnerable adults, children and young people, within families.