

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2021/22
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. The SAB's Annual Report 2021/22 highlights the work of the Board between April 2021 and March 2022. 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: 1. Receive the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report 2021/22 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 2021/22.	

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 NHS Integrated Care Board. 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 system wide safeguarding issues.
- 2.2 Key achievements of the Board in 2021/22 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 the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB), published one Safeguarding Adult Review in 2021. Towards the end of 2021/22 two new SARs were commissioned. The Committee has reviewed several cases against the SAR criteria and looked at wider learning from local and national cases.
- 2.3 The Adult Safeguarding Adult Complex Cases Group is chaired by the Council's Principal Social Worker for Adults Social Care and Strategic Lead for Safeguarding Adults and there is representation from all partners across the partnership as well as front line staff who are supporting service users. 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.

- 2.4 The Board has continued to have excellent engagement and commitment from all partners.
- 2.5 Brian Parrott, the Independent Chair, took the decision to step down from the role towards the end of 2021. The Board undertook a recruitment process for a new Independent Chair and Anju Ahluwalia was appointed to the role.
- 2.6 The three statutory partners (LBBD, NHS ICB and Police) all made financial contributions to support the work of the Board. The Police contributed £5,000, the NHS ICB £30,000 and the Council covered staffing costs of the Independent Chair, support staff and any other work such as SARs and learning events.

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.

4.4 Financial Implications

Implications completed by Isaac Mogaji, Finance Business Partner:

This report is largely for information and seeks the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report 2021/22. As such, there is no obvious financial implications of the report.

However, it is noted that the three statutory partners (LBBD, NHS ICB and Police) all made their respective financial contributions to support the work of the Board in 2021/22.

4.5 Legal Implications

Implications completed by Daniel Longe, Principal Solicitor for Education, Children and Adults:

Section 43 of the Care Act 2014 imposes a specific duty on local authorities to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board for its area to help and protect adults in its area who has needs for care and support or has experienced or is at risk of abuse or neglect and is unable to protect themselves from such risk or abuse.

Furthermore, Schedule 2, paragraph 4 of the Care Act 2014 also imposes a specific obligation on SABs to publish a report at the end of each financial year and must send that report to among others, the chief executive and the leader of the council.

Accordingly, the said annual report is in line with legislative obligations.

4.6 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 (*delete if none*)

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 2021/22