

ASSEMBLY

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Title:	Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022/23
Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration	
Open Report	For Information
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
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Summary: 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 2022/23 at Appendix 1 highlights the work of the Board between April 2022 and March 2023. 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 Health and Wellbeing Board and ICB Sub-Committee received the Local Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report 2022/23 at its meeting on 7 November 2023.	
Recommendation(s) The Assembly is recommended to note the Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022/23 at Appendix 1 to the report and provide comments on its contents for the SAB to consider as they continue to develop their future plans.	
Reason(s) To provide an opportunity to comment on the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board prior to the publishing of the SAB Annual Report 2022/23.	

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 2022/23 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 two Safeguarding Adult Reviews in 2022. The Committee has reviewed several cases against the SAR criteria and looked at wider learning from local and national cases. Learning has taken place across the partnership around the themes of self-neglect and hoarding, mental health, drug and alcohol dependence

and services. The SAB also now has representation from the Care Provider Voice.

- 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 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

- 3.1 The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022/23 was considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board and ICB Sub-Committee at its meeting on 7 November 2023.

4. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Lawrence Quaye, Finance Business Partner

- 4.1 This report is largely for information and, as such, there are 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 2022/23.

5. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Nicola Monerville, Principal Solicitor

- 5.1 This report is for review and consideration and the Assembly is asked to provide comments on its contents for the SAB to consider as they continue to develop their future plans.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1 **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.
- 6.2 **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.

- 6.3 **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.
- 6.4 **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 1** – Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022/23