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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This is the 6th Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adult Executive Board (SAEB). The multi-agency Board provides leadership of adult safeguarding across the Bi-Borough. The purpose of the Board is to ensure that member agencies work together, and independently, to secure the safety of residents who are at most at risk of harm from others, or through self-neglect. The responsibilities of the SAEB are detailed in Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014¹, and include the requirement to report on how members are progressing the SAEB's strategic priorities. These priorities are informed by the learning from Safeguarding Enquiries (Section 42), and Safeguarding Adults Reviews (Section 44) of deaths and serious harm.

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/schedule/2/enacted>

- 1.2 The report seeks to show how the SAEB and member agencies have addressed these priorities during 2019/20. This work included residents being at the centre of decision-making about their care, treatment, and safety (*see case example on page 30*). We continue to tackle financial abuse and fraud by helping people protect themselves and others against scams. In November 2019 the **Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week campaign** was both a national and local success. In the Bi-Borough residents had the opportunity to watch the **'Safe at Home'** (short films) which were co-produced with our service user groups, receive helpful information from all our local services on scam awareness, wellbeing and safety, and ask any safeguarding related questions.
- 1.3 During 2019/20 the SAEB Partnership Implemented our business plan **'Statement of Intent 2019-200'** which states what we want to achieve. This included placing higher focus on hearing the voice of the service user in the workings of the board. This also involved preparation for Liberty Protection safeguards in line with changes to the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act 2019. The **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Team** successfully rolled out training for Practitioners and Managers (*see page 24*).
- 1.4 **Community Engagement:** We continue **Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)** by hearing the voices of our residents and their experience of the safeguarding process. Our user groups have been involved in reviewing the materials in our **'say no to abuse booklet'** and advised the comms team on how to improve the accessibility of the booklets. We developed a joint programme of events and practice tools with the local Safeguarding Children's Board. This approach enables overarching strategies such as **"MSP"** and **"Think Family"** to be linked into the work of the wider Safeguarding communities.
- 1.5 **Listening Leading and Learning:** As a partnership we have continued to look at information about local safeguarding activity to inform our priorities. We consider recommendations and lessons learned from both national and local Safeguarding Adult Reviews to understand what needs to change.
- 1.6 This last year we have used the 7-minute learning model to share learning via a series of workshops across the partnership for Mr X and we disseminated a 7 mins briefing on **Think Family**. Further work will be taking place in 2020/21 to embed this approach into Adult Social Care Practice.
- 1.7 Practitioners are also having to be vigilant in identifying and responding effectively to modern slavery, **human trafficking** and **self-neglect and hoarding**. The Bi-Borough has continued to strengthen its coordinated community response to tackling modern slavery & exploitation (*see page 22*).

2. Key Matters for the Board

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is requested to consider the Annual Report 2019/20 of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board (SAEB), with particular regard to the arrangements that have been put in place to meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014, from 1st April 2015.

3. Background

- 3.1 In January 2015, the Protocol to set out governance arrangements between the Health and Wellbeing Boards and the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board (SAEB) was agreed.
- 3.2 The anticipated benefits of this protocol were:
- a) *Ensuring safeguarding is “everyone’s business” and is reflected in the adult social care, health and public health agenda;*
 - b) *Any safeguarding issues, or opportunities for the HWB to use its strategic influence over commissioning, are communicated to the HWB by the SAEB;*
 - c) *Equally, if the HWB have concerns about safeguarding issues affecting health outcomes, these are effectively communicated back to the SAEB for consideration;*
 - d) *Cross-Board partnership working embeds safeguarding across the health and wellbeing sector*

4. Need

- 4.1 The learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Safeguarding Enquiries this year has demonstrated how much can be achieved by working together to tackle issues that may make communities unhealthy or unsafe, and from learning lessons and making changes where these are indicated. The SAEB actively promotes a learning culture and members are transparent, engaged, and accountable to one another, leading to better outcomes for people in need of care and support. The SAEB hosted a learning webinar on Wednesday 30th September 2020 with guest speaker, Social Work Academic, Professor Michael Preston-Shoot on “Learning from S44 reviews: Human stories of adult safeguarding”

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Board accept the 2019/20 Annual Report of the SAEB, and in particular notes and lends support to the priorities that are informing the work of the SAEB during 2020/21. (See page 36)

Bernie Flaherty
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Background papers: Protocol to set out governance arrangements between the Health and Wellbeing Boards and the Safeguarding Adults Board 14 January 2015

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