



City of Westminster

Cabinet Report

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Title: Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board

Wards Affected: All

City for All Summary Please see background information below

Key Decision: For information only

Financial Summary: For information only – Annual contributions listed below

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Financial Summary:

Annual contributions from SAEB members to support the function of the board include:

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime **£10,000.00** (£5,000.00 per borough)

CCG Collaborative **£40,000.00** (£20,000 per borough)

London Fire Brigade **£1,000.00** (£500.00 per borough)

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This is the 6th Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adult Executive Board. The multi-agency Board provides leadership of adult safeguarding across the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea; and the City of Westminster. 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.
- 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. Particularly where the learning shows there is room for agencies to work more effectively together to prevent abuse or neglect.

- 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 (see page 29)**. 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. Recommendations

The Cabinet 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. It is recommended that the report is noted and strategy and the priorities informing its current work endorsed.

3. Reasons for Decision: No decision to be made.

4. Background, including Policy Context

- 4.1 The SAEB operates under Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014, overseeing the statutory duties of conducting Safeguarding Adult Enquiries (Section 42) and Safeguarding Adults Reviews (Section 44).
- 4.2 The report seeks to show how member agencies of the SAEB provide assurance to the SAEB for the ways in which its three strategic priorities (Making Safeguarding Personal; Creating Safe and Healthy Communities; and Leading, listening and Learning) are being promoted within their organisation.
- 4.3 The report also seeks to demonstrate how the learning from safeguarding enquiries and reviews conducted during the year lead, to changes that benefit the safety, health, and wellbeing of local residents, in both boroughs. This is particularly where the learning shows there is room for agencies to work more effectively together to prevent abuse or neglect.

5. Financial Implications

None

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 The Care Act 2014 says the Board must publish a report of what it has done during the year to achieve its objectives, including findings of the

reviews arranged by it under Section 44 of the Act. The Safeguarding Adults Board has 3 core duties. It must:

- Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute
- Publish an Annual Report detailing how effective their work has been
- Commission Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR's) for any cases which meet the criteria for these

6.2 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.

7. Staffing Implications

None

8. Consultation

None

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