



Adults, Health & Public Protection Policy & Scrutiny Committee

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 This is the 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.

1.2 The report seeks to show how the SAEB and member agencies have addressed these priorities during 2020/21 and provides an overview of the work of the Board

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

and its subgroups. The SAEB Partnership implemented our business plan using the three key areas based on our “house model”.

1. Making Safeguarding Personal
2. Creating a Safe and Healthy Community
3. Leading listening and Learning

1.3 Given the unprecedented impact of Covid 19 upon health and social care services we have included an extra section at the beginning of the report named Safeguarding insights on activity during Covid.

1.4 **Highlights** from each of the 4 key areas found in the report include:

- A response to local challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic with highlight data reports on Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster.
- A focus on partnership response to provide assurance on Care Home and Home care resilience
- Greater focus on what the data is telling us and how we compare as a Bi-Borough Pan London
- Ethnicity Data analysis
- Placing continual focus on hearing the voice of the service user in the workings of the board
- Community protection partnership response in collaboration with the police on Hate Crime and Cuckooing
- Early intervention and prevention improvements to London Fire Brigade in K&C and WCC
- Health Watch report on Service User experience of being safeguarded
- Update on Self Neglect and Hoarding Strategic Partnership Group
- Learning Disabilities and Annual Health Checks assurance response
- Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Learning outcomes

1.5 **Forward planning for 2020-2021** (see pages 60-61)

2. **Key Matters for the Committee’s Consideration**

The Committee is requested to consider the Annual Report 2020/21 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.

Financial Implications: None

Legal Implications

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.

3. Background

The SAEB has 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).

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.

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

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)

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Appendix 1:

1. Overview of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board – Key messages

1.1 There has been much activity by the members of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board during the pandemic to support our vulnerable residents with early intervention and prevention interventions to prevent abuse and neglect .

1.2 Every partner has been keen to contribute to the Safeguarding Annual Report of the Board which demonstrates the continued commitment by our partners in this important agenda .The report is split into several sections and highlights from these sections are set out below :

2. Safeguarding Activity during the pandemic

2.1 Safeguarding referrals increased in the age group 18-65. But majority were adults without care and support needs who required signposting to single agencies or the council covid hubs if shielding for food. Police concerns almost doubled related to people with low level mental health worries .

2.2 A positive impact of the pandemic saw an increase in early intervention and prevention working in partnership with statutory and non-statutory agencies. Key message is that we did not see an increase in safeguarding enquires but the changing face of safeguarding concerns but pressure on Adult Social Care to signpost to the appropriate service

3. Making Safeguarding Personal:

3.1 Innovative project in place to reach out to BAME groups across Bi-Borough to understand how we can support better Safeguarding exploring barriers to engagement and innovative community support to prevent abuse and neglect

3.2 Partnership work with Primary Care to ensure compliance with Annual Health Checks for Learning Disability client group

3.3 Large scale triangulation of data sharing project across council departments to ensure better information sharing to increase the safety of vulnerable adults and children and promote early intervention and prevention. Housing, ASC, Children's, Mental Health, Community Safety

4. Creating a healthy and safe community

4.1 Hate crime and Cuckooing projects demonstrate innovative strong partnership response to relatively new abuses being identified under safeguarding framework

4.2 Westminster Voluntary Organisations Advocacy Project ran an awareness campaign with Westminster City Council on increased fraud and scams related to Covid, promoting the 'Friends against scams' with the Local Account Group and Safeguarding Ambassadors to build confidence.

5. Leading Listening and Learning

5.1 New areas of safeguarding concerns and vulnerabilities coming out of the pandemic has shown a light on increased focus on fatal fires; greater awareness of people with mental health issues and suicide prevention which will be form key priorities of the SAEB to take forward in 2021-2022