

Vulnerable Adults, Health and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee

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1. Executive Summary

This report is for information

This is the 2022/23 Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adults 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.

2. Relevant Background and introduction

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).

The report seeks to show how member agencies of the SAEB provide assurance to the SAEB for the ways in which its strategic priorities (pages 80- 82) 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.

The report is for residents and professionals. Its purpose is to comply with statutory duty to publish yearly a report which includes business plan for the year and any Safeguarding Adult reviews.

It showcases work of the SAEB for the year in 4 chapters:

- 1 Communities Keeping themselves Safe:** The SAEB continue to build community resilience and Safeguarding prosperity within our communities. This year we have continued to address barriers in raising safeguarding awareness, creating an inclusive and diverse safeguarding culture with 'seldom heard from' community groups and with the support of our Safeguarding Ambassadors who are passionate about preventing abuse and neglect.
- 2 Quality Assurance:** The SAEB continue to seek assurance of the effectiveness of safeguarding activity and that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life for adults with care and support needs and that safeguarding arrangements work effectively through a range of quality assurance mechanisms and use of multi-agency safeguarding data.
- 3 Making Safeguarding Personal** is threaded throughout our strategy and all our activities and events. We listen and collaborate with service users by experience to ensure the voices of our communities are heard and that adults are being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions on how to keep themselves safe. This section shares the regional comparator data from the last 4 years across the Bi-Borough and London to highlight trends in our successes and to view gaps where improvements are required.
- 4 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.

Highlights:

Page 3: Hassnaa opens up the report with her experience of being part of the Moroccan community in RBKC and raising awareness of Hate Crime.

Pages 16 – 19: Making our Vision a reality - shares highlights and outputs from our Annual Audit and Community Engagement Development Day.

Pages 20 – 21 lists our Key Achievements throughout 2022 - 2023

Pages 22 – 31: In this section of the report our Safeguarding Ambassadors share their Community Engagement Prevention Agenda and how we have continued to support residents to stay safe despite challenges that have followed the Pandemic and the Cost-of-Living Crisis. Highlights include Mariya's report, Fire Safety and Safeguarding and Muhammeds Story which continues the theme of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion within a Safeguarding context .

Communities Keeping Themselves Safe:

On pages 32 – 37 Ritu and Phayza's reports provide an overview of the success of our Staying Safe Project: which is in its second year and has used train the trainer model in the language of the community choice to explore: barriers to raising safeguarding concerns , what safety means within a cultural context and how to know where to go for help.

Pages 38 – 49 In this section of the report our Community Engagement Group Members share local updates in relation to our safeguarding partnership priorities and includes an overview of local events and campaigns for 2022 – 2023.

Pages 50 – 57 – Making Safeguarding Personal: This section demonstrates how we have been improving our outcomes for Safeguarding enquires and now have some of the best results across London being consistently above the London Average for a number of years. It also highlights priority areas which are included in our business plan for 2023 – 2024.

Pages 58 – 65 Quality Assurance – This section provides an understanding where our referrals come from and the abuse types and includes an overview of:

- The SAEB 'best practice partnership guidance on how to make a good quality referral
- NHS North West London: Annual Health checks for people with a disability
- Safeguarding Training: NWL Integrated Care Board
- Application of the Mental Capacity Act

Pages 66 – 79 This final section of the report demonstrates the ways in which professionals and agencies across the Bi-borough have worked together to embed national and local learning, highlighting key learning and extensive work that has taken place across the partnership throughout 2022/23 in response to reviews. With the launch of Joan's Legacy' video in November 2022 the Board is at the forefront of shaping safeguarding learning that includes the voice of the person.

Highlights the successful launch of our SAEB Learning Programme and SAR Champions Network which are supporting embedding the learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews and we are able to evidence how local reviews are supporting changes

to practice and continue to influence and encourage a culture of continuous reflection, learning and improvements across our safeguarding systems.

Our Strategic Plan 2022-2025 which sets out how the Board will work towards achieving its ambitions for safeguarding adults in the Bi-Borough and ends with an important message from Rose Hayles, Local Account Group Member and Safeguarding Ambassador “If it just doesn’t feel right, Tell Someone”.

3. Key Matters for the Committee’s Consideration

The Committee is requested to consider the Annual Report 2022/23 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.

4. Financial Implications: None

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 **£40,100.00** (£20,500 per borough)

5. 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.

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