

# Family and People Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of: Safeguarding Adults Executive Board

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# 1. Executive Summary

1.1 This is the fifth Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adult Executive Board (SAEB). The multi-agency Board provides leadership of adult safeguarding across the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham; the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea; and the City of Westminster. As from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 the SAEB is operating as a Bi- Borough board as part of the disaggregation from Tri- Borough services. 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. Key Matters for the Committee's Consideration

2.1 It is recommended that the report is noted and strategy and the emerging themes informing its current work endorsed.

#### 3. Financial Implications

None

## 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Care Act 2014 states the Board must publish a report of what it has completed during the year to achieve its objectives, including findings of the reviews arranged by it, under Section 44 of the Act.
- 4.2 The SAEB must lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its locality and oversee and coordinate the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies. This will require the SAEB to develop and actively promote a culture with its members, partners and the local community that recognises the values and principles contained in 'Making Safeguarding Personal'. It should also concern itself with a range of issues which can contribute to the wellbeing of its community and the prevention of abuse and neglect, such as:
  - The safety of people who use services in local health settings, including mental health.
  - The safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing.
  - Effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason
  - The quality of local care and support services.
  - The effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders.
  - Making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse.

## 5. Background

- 5.1 This is the third year that the SAEB has operated under Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014, and overseeing the statutory duties of conducting Safeguarding Adult Enquiries (Section 42) and Safeguarding Adults Reviews (Section 44).
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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 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 led, to changes that benefit the safety, health, and wellbeing of local residents. This is particularly where the learning shows there is room for agencies to work more effectively together to prevent abuse or neglect

# 6. Financial Summary:

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

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime £15,000.00 (£5,000.00 per borough) CCG Collaborative £60,000.00 (£20,000 per borough) London Fire Brigade £1,500.00 (£500.00 per borough)

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