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1. Executive Summary

1.1 This is the 2021/22 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 2021/22 and provides an overview of the work of the Board and its subgroups. The focus this year has been about learning from how the pandemic has affected our safeguarding work and what we have done about this.

The Annual Report falls into 4 main chapters in which the partnership achievements for 2021-2022 are described.

- 1 **Safeguarding Ambassadors:** A unique group of individuals from prominent service user groups passionate about preventing abuse and neglect. They raise awareness of safeguarding and empower people to be confident in responding to abuse and neglect.
- 2 **Making Safeguarding Personal:** The SAEB ensure that the core principles of Making Safeguarding Personal are 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.
- 3 **Communities Keeping themselves Safe:** The SAEB continue to build community resilience and Safeguarding prosperity within our communities. This year we have addressed barriers in raising safeguarding awareness, creating an inclusive and diverse safeguarding culture with 'seldom heard from' community groups.

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

- 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 from each of the 4 key areas found in the report include:

- **Page 15: Maria's Report:** The Community Engagement Prevention Agenda: we continue to hear the voice of our Safeguarding Ambassadors who bring safeguarding risks to the attention of the Board, and we support them by responding to the needs of our communities.
- **Page 17: Glenda** shared her story about her journey from Service User to Safeguarding Ambassador and to becoming a voice to influence safeguarding for London. This video is scheduled to be shared at various local and National Events during Safeguarding Awareness week 2022.
- **Page 18: The London Voices Group:** Bi-borough Ambassadors with lived experience of Safeguarding have provided safeguarding leadership and invaluable contributions to safeguarding governance and practice across London.
- **Page 20-21: Commissioning of the Safe at Home Project:** working closely with seldom heard from diverse groups in the communities of the Bi-Borough we have co-produced and delivered Safeguarding Awareness 'Train the Trainer' training to the Black Minority Ethnic Health Forum throughout 2021/22. This programme was the first of its kind both regionally and countrywide to 'hard to reach' language and religious faith groups across the Bi-borough.
- **Pages 25 - 27: Working together across Adults and Children's services to support Afghan evacuees.** Children's and Adults partnership agencies provided additional services alongside assistance for refugees into existing health and social care services across the Bi-Borough.
- **Pages 30 - 31: Launch of the Blue Light Project and Ian's story:** A 7-minute briefing raising awareness of Korsakoff's and a video that tells Ian's story - a homeless man who had someone who really cared about him.
- **Pages 40:** What the data is telling us about our safeguarding outcomes.

- **Page 45:** Our Safeguarding Ambassadors launched a **Cybercrime video** to mark Safeguarding Adults Week 2021, which was both a national and local success.
- **Pages 48 - 49: Focus on self-neglect and hoarding.** This year we reviewed our local hoarding strategies and are holding an event in 2022 to support Practitioners to be vigilant in identifying and responding effectively to self-neglect and hoarding.
- **Pages 54 – 67 Safeguarding Adult Reviews:** This section 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 2021/2022 in response to reviews.
- **Pages 68 – 69: Our Strategic Plan 2022-2025** sets out how the Board will work towards achieving its ambitions for safeguarding adults in the Bi-Borough and has four key priorities to ensure that, wherever possible, safeguarding responsibilities are delivered in a way that creates safeguarding prosperity within our communities and continues to have ‘Making Safeguarding Personal’ (MSP) at the heart of everything we do.

2. Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to consider the Annual Report 2021/22 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. Background, including Policy Context

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; Communities Keeping themselves Safe; 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.

4. 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)

6. 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. 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.

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

The report reflects the Board's commitment to partnership working and encompasses reflections and comment from a wide range of stakeholders and service users.

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