

# SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD (SAPB) ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12

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<b>Papers with report</b>	SAPB Annual Report 2011-12

## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	Cabinet is asked to receive the Annual Report 2011-12 of the Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board submitted by Independent Chair and Safeguarding Service Manager LBH, on behalf of the Board. The Annual Report outlines the partnership's activity and performance in safeguarding adults at risk, the activity in relation to deprivation of liberty authorisations and the priorities for the year. This is set in the context of national guidance and policy.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The Local Authority holds the lead responsibility for ensuring collaborative arrangements are in place for the protection of adults at risk of abuse and exploitation in their area. There are links to the shadow Health and Well-Being Board and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB). Safeguarding is also linked to the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) and the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no new financial implications. Safeguarding adults work is within existing budget provision in Adults' Social Care services and partner agencies commit officer time to the work of Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Social Services, Health and Housing
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Safeguarding activity covers all Wards.

## RECOMMENDATION

**The Cabinet are asked to note the work of the Partnership Board and safeguarding activity in LB Hillingdon.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The protection of adults at risk is a critical activity of the Council and a key partnership area of work with health services and the voluntary sector

### **Alternative options considered / risk management**

None

### **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

1. This report was considered by Policy Overview Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and their comments are set out below.
2. The Committee notes the protection of adults at risk is a critical activity of the Council and a key partnership area of work with health services and the voluntary sector.
3. The Committee notes Hillingdon's Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board has an independent chairman, who also chairs the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and while each Board is independent, this collaborative approach is to be commended.
4. The Committee notes the Authority has a highly skilled specialist service in place and the Committee expressed confidence in the safeguarding adult arrangements in Hillingdon. The Board is well placed to comply with the statutory requirements set out in the Care and Support Bill and is currently working on priorities that include demonstrating the positive outcomes of safeguarding intervention.
5. The Committee notes the enhanced quality control measures which are being adopted and the changes in both the scope and definition of safeguarding adult work that is being developed. The Committee welcomes the continued work which is being done to raise the awareness of adult safeguarding.

### **Supporting Information**

6. Local Authorities have a responsibility to follow the Department of Health guidance outlined in "No Secrets" (2000) and to be the lead agency in coordinating the multi-agency approach to safeguarding adults at risk of abuse in their area. As part of this, the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (SAPB) leads on strategy, monitoring and reviewing the safeguarding arrangements in Hillingdon. It publishes an Annual Report, detailing what the partnership has achieved over the year, local and national developments and it decides the service priorities.
7. The Care and Support White Paper and draft Bill proposes to set safeguarding adults at risk on a statutory footing, placing a duty on Local Authorities to carry out enquiries into any allegations of abuse or exploitation. Having a SAPB will become

a statutory requirement requiring the co-operation of agencies to work together to protect adults at risk.

8. The Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is a multi-agency partnership of independent and charitable organisations, statutory agencies and others with an interest or responsibility for safeguarding adults at risk. Local Authorities, as required by Government guidance, are the lead agencies in co-ordinating the response to safeguarding adults at risk, part of which is to ensure an effective Safeguarding Adults Board. The remit of the Board is to oversee the strategic development of safeguarding adults and the effectiveness of local arrangements.

### **Summary of Conclusions**

9. The report presents a retrospective of safeguarding work over the year. Key local developments and service changes in 2011-12 have been:

- The change to the SAPB structure and the collaborative model of working with the LSCB
- Implementing the London multi-agency safeguarding adult policy and procedures, strengthening cross boundary work and ensuring a common understanding of responding to allegations of abuse.
- Improve collaboration and partnership across agencies.
- In consultation with stakeholders, re-aligning the Board's priorities to reflect the changes in adult health and social care.
- Focussing more on successful outcomes for people rather than just on compliance.

10. The SAPB priorities for development for 2012 onwards have been built around the six Government principles of

- Empowerment
- Protection
- Prevention
- Proportionality
- Partnership
- Accountability

11. Of particular priority is a need to improve our response to abuse, particularly financial abuse reporting, of which appears to be growing. We also need to ensure that the commitment to self directed support, (service users more in control of their own care budgets) enables positive risk taking whilst ensuring safeguards are in place for delivering support in this way. The SAPB is also working to increase its quality assurance mechanisms. Recommendations arising from investigations, like the abuse at Winterbourne View Hospital, are being reviewed against our own practice and used to strengthen the monitoring and prevention elements of safeguarding primarily through the work of LBH's inspection team in partnership with the Care Quality Commission. At the same time ensuring also that reviews of service user's individual placements, and their appropriateness, are carried out in a timely manner The SAPB is also well positioned to comply with the likely statutory

requirements of the Care and Support Bill placing a legal duty on Local Authorities to investigate allegations of abuse and SAPB to be on a statutory footing.

12. Because of their key role in supporting vulnerable adults GPs, as providers, will be involved in the SAPB, along with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). This has been progressed by the SAPB and represents a good opportunity to engage the new health commissioning bodies with committed GP representation for the Board.

### **Financial Implications**

13. None, although there may be some implications once the Board is placed on a statutory footing.

### **Legal implications**

14. Once the requirements of the Care and Support Bill are passed into statute, the terms of reference and membership of the SAPB will have to be reviewed. Under current arrangements the SAPB is well placed to be compliant with new regulations and guidance as currently understood.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

15. Safeguarding adults at risk remains a high priority for all partners

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

16. The Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board annual report is written by the relevant Chairman and Service Manager in conjunction with the safeguarding leads of partners and members of the Safeguarding Board. All major partners are consulted and contribute. The report was agreed at the Board meeting of the 28th of September 2012.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

17. Corporate Finance concur with the financial implications set out above

### **Legal**

18. There are no legal implications arising out of this report to bring to Cabinet's attention.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL