

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD: ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

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1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	The annual report of the Hillingdon Safer Adults Partnership Board (HSAPB) is a statutory requirement from April 2015. This annual report covers the year 2015/16 for which the production of an annual report was discretionary. The annual report describes the work of the partners engaged in Adult Safeguarding in the Borough, for the year ending 31 st March 2016. It will be published and available to view on the Council's website. It is reported to Cabinet for noting.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the following Council objective of: <i>Our People</i> Health and Wellbeing Strategy
Financial Cost	There are no direct costs applicable with the publication of this Annual report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Social Services, Health and Public Health
Ward(s) affected	All

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet notes the annual report of the Hillingdon Safer Adults Partnership Board for 2015/16.

Reasons for recommendation

The annual report is a statutory requirement from April 2015. It covers the period 2015/16 when it was discretionary but the production by Adult Safeguarding boards of annual reports is

considered good practice. The report is a partnership document containing information specific to the work undertaken in the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

Policy Overview Committee comments

The Committee welcomed the report which highlighted that services across Hillingdon were supporting residents and safeguarding vulnerable adults at its meeting on 6th September 2016.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

The Care Act 2014 has been a significant factor in the way adult safeguarding is regarded amongst both agencies and the public. Consideration and scrutiny of safeguarding vulnerable adults is more aligned to safeguarding children. This has resulted in significant challenges for agencies and predominantly the Local Authority and Health services. Service providers are facing an ageing population and there are enormous demands on mental health services. Just providing protection in these two areas and ensuring that people have meaningful and fulfilling lives is an enormous challenge.

The Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (SAB) is a multi agency partnership comprising of statutory, independent and charitable organisations with a stakeholder interest in safeguarding adults at risk.

The Board's objective is to protect and promote individual human rights, independence and improve wellbeing, so that adults at risk stay safe and are protected at all times from abuse, neglect, discrimination, or poor treatment.

The role of the Board and its members is to:

- Lead the strategic development of safeguarding adults work in the Borough of Hillingdon.
- Agree resources for the delivery of the safeguarding strategic plan.
- Monitor and ensure the effectiveness of the sub-groups in delivering their work programmes and partner agencies in discharging their safeguarding responsibilities.
- Ensure that arrangements across partnership agencies in Hillingdon are effective in providing a net of safety for vulnerable adults.
- Act as champions for safeguarding issues across their own organisations, partners and the wider community, including effective arrangements within their own organisations.
- Ensure best practice is consistently employed to improve outcomes for vulnerable adults.

Summary of Findings

The Board has been restructured to provide an Executive Board with the most senior leaders providing strategic direction and an Operational Group where managers agree the work of the Board and drive it forward. A joint safeguarding children and adult board business unit to manage not only the SAB, but also the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) is fully established. The business unit is developing performance and audit processes and ensuring that training packages are available to all agencies, as well as providing project management support.

The annual report demonstrates that safeguarding activity is progressing well and that Hillingdon SAB has clear agreement on the strategic priorities achieved and what actions need

to be taken forward over the coming year. The SAB is aware of, and working to fulfil, its statutory functions under the Care Act 2014 and the Pan London Procedures.

The Board delivers multi-agency training in relation to the Mental Capacity Act to increase the workforce competence in this area, particularly in light of the recent changes.

To ensure there is an effective model of practice to build upon for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS), including enhancing the functions of the DoLS Supervisory Body the Board has introduced an online application form, delivered DoLS presentations to managers at the Residential and Nursing Provider Forum and introduced a DoLS newsletter. A multi-agency DoLS task and finish group has been set up to ensure that referrals are being made appropriately.

The Board has in place a programme that has monitored, quality assured and evaluated the quality of services within Hillingdon, and this programme of robust auditing analysis and challenge will continue to ensure that vulnerable adults remain safe.

Agency contributions to the annual report demonstrate that statutory and non statutory members are consistently participating towards the same goals in partnership and within their individual agencies.

The Hillingdon SAB is committed to challenging partner agencies to ensure that the Board can be satisfied that vulnerable adults are safe in Hillingdon.

The Board is committed to listening to the community in order to learn lessons from practice and to challenge existing practice where necessary.

The priorities for the Board this year will include focus on mental health issues and the neglect of the elderly. These are significant areas of work. The Board will continue to refine its approach to ensure that each agency is clear about the work expected of them. Board activity will also be focused on Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) a national programme aimed at front line staff, encouraging them to understand the role they play in keeping people safe.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in publishing this report.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

The publication of this report will not directly affect service users.

Consultation carried out or required

The report contains reports from each of the agencies that form the partnership.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications set out above.

Legal

The Borough Solicitor confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report. Legal Advice is provided whenever necessary to ensure that the Council meets its statutory obligations at all times.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Previous Annual Reports