

HILLINGDON SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT.

Relevant Board Member(s)	Councillor Philip Corthorne
Organisation	London Borough of Hillingdon
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Papers with report	Hillingdon Safeguarding Adults Annual Report.

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	The Hillingdon Safeguarding Adult board has a statutory duty to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of the safeguarding procedures for vulnerable adults within the Borough. Once agreed by the SAB, the report is submitted each year to the Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
Contribution to plans and strategies	N/A
Financial Cost	There are no financial costs relating to the publishing of this report.
Ward(s) affected	All

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the report.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

The annual report lays out the work undertaken by agencies in Hillingdon to safeguard vulnerable adults. At a time of limited resources it is essential that those agencies work together and are properly held to account to make sure that they are delivering safeguarding services to an acceptable level.

There have been considerable changes in how services are being delivered in Hillingdon. In addition, the way in which the Board is managed has had to move forward to ensure that it keeps pace with the increased demand placed upon it, and to develop and improve the way in which agencies are held to account.

The Care Act 2014 has been a significant factor in the way adult safeguarding is regarded amongst both agencies and the public. It seems that at last, safeguarding vulnerable adults is

being considered in the same light as the way we safeguard our children. This has resulted in significant challenges for our agencies and predominantly the Local Authority and Health services. We are facing an ageing population and there are enormous demands on our mental health services. Just providing protection in these two areas and ensuring that people have meaningful and fulfilling lives is an enormous challenge.

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. We have also put in place a business unit that is developing performance and audit processes and ensuring that training packages are available to all agencies, as well as providing project management support.

We have discussed long and hard the priorities for the Board this year and our focus will be on mental health issues and the neglect of the elderly. These are huge areas of work and we will continue to refine our approach to ensure that each agency is clear about the work expected of them. To ensure that we are successful we need to concentrate our efforts on Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) which is a national programme aimed at front line staff and encouraging them to understand the role they play in keeping people safe.

There have already been some significant changes to adult safeguarding with the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) now playing a significant role in co-ordinating a response to those adults at risk. I look forward to seeing further improvement over the coming year. I believe that in Hillingdon we are fortunate to have such high levels of commitment from agencies and individuals.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications related to this report.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

There is no effect to local residents

No consultation required.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Hillingdon Council Corporate Finance comments

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

Hillingdon Council Legal comments

There are no legal issues related to this report. The Safeguarding Adult Board is required to publish an annual report pursuant to schedule 2 Care Act 2014.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.