

## REPORT TITLE Hillingdon Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report.

<b>Committee</b>	Social services, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee
<b>Officer Reporting</b>	Steve Ashley
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix 1 SAB annual report
<b>Ward</b>	All

### SUMMARY

The Hillingdon Safeguarding Adult Board (HSAB) brings together partners from across the Borough to discuss issues relating to vulnerable adults, to challenge performance and to ensure that together, the agencies offer the strongest safeguarding service to our vulnerable adults.

The HSAB has a statutory duty to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of adult safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults in the Borough. Once agreed by the HSAB, the report is submitted each year to the Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Health and wellbeing Board.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

**That the Committee:**

- 1. note the report and comment as appropriate on the suggested priorities for the current year.**

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The annual report lays out the work undertaken by the Board this year, and includes specific reports from each of the agencies that make up the Board. The purpose of the annual report is to provide evidence about the standard to which the agencies responsible for safeguarding adults in the London Borough of Hillingdon have performed.

This year we have started to develop a multi agency training package for all agencies following the successful roll out last year of multi agency workshops that launched the Pan London procedures. The business unit has provided administrative and project management skills to move the Board forward including the development of our audit and performance processes to ensure we are able to properly hold agencies to account. In the coming year the Board will develop the auditing agenda further to include analysis of own agency as well as multi agency audits.

We are all aware that austerity measures have placed huge pressures on all agencies. Whilst we accept that this makes safeguarding adults more difficult, it is not an excuse for failure and there is no doubt that organisations working together will be more likely to reach acceptable standards of safeguarding.

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HSAB have commissioned a Safeguarding Adult Review this year and will be publishing the findings in January 2018. HSAB will hold a number of learning events to ensure that lessons learnt are embedded into practice. This requires a multi-agency approach and a vigorous governance system holding agencies to account. The Board continues to provide this scrutiny, together with its partners, across the sector.

The board has put a particular emphasis on issues around domestic abuse. There have been two domestic homicide reviews completed this year and as a result we have begun to work much more closely with the Safer Hillingdon Partnership in order to ensure that there is coordinated and comprehensive awareness and engagement across the borough. We have looked again at our priorities this year and they are set out in the report. We are determined that we do more work to better engage with all our communities; particularly those that are vulnerable.

The report lays out in detail the areas where we need to make further progress, but the Board are satisfied that, agencies in the Borough of Hillingdon are providing services that ensure our vulnerable adults are properly safeguarded.

### **Implications on related Council policies**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

N/A

### **Legal Implications**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Hillingdon safeguarding Adults Annual Report.