

HILLINGDON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

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Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Social Services, Housing, Health & Wellbeing
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Papers with report	Annual Report 2016/17

HEADLINES

Summary	<p>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.</p> <p>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, Leader of the Council, Cabinet and Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the following Council objective of: <i>Our People</i> .
Financial Cost	There are no financial costs arising as a consequence of this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Social services, Housing and Public Health
Relevant Ward(s)	The report covers work across the Borough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet note the Annual Report and work of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board during 2016/17.

Reasons for recommendation

The annual report lays out the work undertaken by the Board 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.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None

Policy Overview Committee comments

The Social Services, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee welcomed the Annual Report which illustrated there was a strong commitment to safeguarding in Hillingdon.

The Committee questioned how the impact of actions taken was being recorded and assessed. The Chairman of the Board confirmed that, unlike the previous year, there was now a performance framework process in place, which would identify areas of concern and potential poor performance, so that targeted actions could then be implemented against the Board's stated priorities. The success of those actions would then be assessed, and reported to the Boards' Executive members.

The Committee expressed concerns over the delay in partner agencies contributing to the report, which had resulted in the report being published with what was now historic data. The value of this data was questionable, and the Committee felt unable to fully assess the impact of the work undertaken by partners. To address this, the Committee requested that a further report, comprising of more up-to-date information, be presented at the Committee meeting in December.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Annual Report lays out the work undertaken by the Board in 2016/17, and includes specific reports from each of the agencies that make up the Board. There has not been an agency contribution from the Borough Police although they do contribute fully to Board meetings and priorities. 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 the business unit 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 audit and performance processes to ensure the Board 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.

The Board is aware that a challenging financial environment has placed huge pressures on all agencies and so it has become increasingly the case that organisations working together will be more likely to reach standards of safeguarding we expect.

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, the Board 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.

The Board have looked again at the priorities for this year. The Board are determined that more work is done to better engage with all communities; particularly those that are vulnerable.

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

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising as a consequence of publishing this report.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?

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.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and confirm there are no financial implications as a result of publishing this report.

Legal

The report being recommended to cabinet is a mandated annual review under the Care Act 2014. The annual report must be shared with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive. The Care Act 2014 mandates that the local authority, CCG, local police and any other relevant bodies be part of this report and have their performance commented upon.

The report properly covers the local authority, CCG and other relevant groups such as the Heathrow immigration and removal centre. The authors of the report have approached the police for input, but this information remains outstanding.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL