

# HILLINGDON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

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<b>Papers with report</b>	Annual Report 2017/18

## HEADLINES

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

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Cabinet note the Annual Report and work of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board during 2017/18.**

## 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 Care, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee considered the Hillingdon's Adult Safeguarding Board's Annual Report at its meeting on 26 September, presented by the Independent Chairman. The Committee noted that the primary responsibility of the Board was to hold agencies to account, and in order to do this, the Board had improved its performance management processes and had begun to develop an audit process to ensure that the quality of services being provided was at the right level. Areas of concerns were being managed and looked into as part of the performance management framework of the Board to avoid repetition of any mistakes. The Committee noted that the Board had a number of priorities for the coming year including modern slavery, domestic abuse, adult grooming and financial abuse. The Committee endorsed these priorities and, in particular, welcomed the proactive work undertaken by the Domestic Abuse Steering Executive where a clear vision and strategy has been developed to incorporate violence against both women and girls.

## 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. Examples of work by the HSAB during 2017/19 included:

- A joint LSCB and SAB conference was held in partnership with the CCG to highlight to professionals the importance of early recognition of the signs of Sepsis. This was very well attended by professionals from all fields and a second event is arranged for November this year.
- The SAB audit programme has progressed with a current audit looking at the journey of the vulnerable adult through Heathrow Airport and the service they receive outside of the airport. There is also work currently looking at Sect. 136 referrals that may be used the Police. This is an emergency power which allows someone to be taken to a place of safety from a public place, if a police officer considers that they are suffering from mental illness and in need of immediate care.

A spot audit was undertaken by CNWL which dispelled the myth that a high degree of the Sect. 136's referrals were from Heathrow Airport.

- A comprehensive training programme is available for professionals working with vulnerable adults, accessed via the learning zone.

The HSAB have a proactive action plan for the coming year. The priorities are Modern Day Slavery, Domestic Abuse, Adult Grooming/Financial Abuse and an audit of current training.

Progress on the action plan will be reported at each board meeting.

### **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, though the work of the Board seeks to safeguard and protect our most vulnerable residents.

### **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 Borough Solicitor confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL