

Hillingdon Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Annual Report

Committee name	Social Care, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee
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HEADLINES

The Hillingdon Local Safeguarding Children Board (HLSCB), and the Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) has a statutory duty to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child and adult safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults in the Borough. Once agreed by the HLSCB and SAB, the reports are submitted each year to the Cabinet for consideration, along with the Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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 children in the London Borough of Hillingdon have performed.

The Hillingdon Safeguarding Adults Annual Report

The Care Act 2014 introduced a number of statutory duties related to Safeguarding Adults and is supported by "The Care and Support Statutory Guidance." Section 43(1) of The Care Act places a duty on Local Authorities to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) for its area and section 14.133 of the Care and Support statutory guidance states "The main objective of a SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area who meet the criteria set out at paragraph 14.2. Section 14.2 states that safeguarding duties apply to an adult who:

- has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs)
- is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect
- as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect

Section 14.136 of the statutory guidance outlines the need for each SAB to produce an Annual Report outlining the work undertaken to achieve its strategic objectives, the work of each member

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to implement the SAB's strategy, along with detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews and subsequent required actions.

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The Children and Social Work Act 2017 replaces Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) with new local safeguarding arrangements led by three safeguarding partners (local authorities, chief officers of police and clinical commissioning groups). It also places a duty on child death review partners, local authorities and clinical commissioning groups to review the deaths of children ordinarily resident in the local area. LSCBs must continue to carry out all of their statutory functions until the point at which safeguarding partner arrangements begin to operate in a local area. Locally in Hillingdon, the last LSCB under the old arrangements took place on 1 May 2019 and the new arrangements will be implemented in September 2019. In the meantime, the LSCB Business continues to function and discharge its statutory duties.

Hillingdon alongside seven other West London Local authorities formed a new partnership with North West London Project in order to fulfil the new legal requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Committee:

1. Reviews the Hillingdon SAB Annual Report and Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and agrees any comments and/or recommendations to be included when it is presented to the Cabinet.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The SAB structure is being revised to compliment the planned Safeguarding Children's arrangements. Aligning with the Children's arrangements will provide greater efficiency and effectiveness of time required by all partners and it will ensure greater consistency and joining up of information across the age ranges, as well as improving service delivery and practice focus. The new arrangements will also provide for stronger lines of enquiry and as with the Children's arrangement, the role of the same Executive Leadership Group, the most senior statutory representatives, will provide stronger scrutiny and challenge to local safeguarding arrangements and take action when operational personnel are unable to resolve issues, or the matter in question is system-wide.

Implications on related Council policies

A role of the Policy Overview Committees is to make comments and/or recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

The Hillingdon SAB and LSCB Annual Reports demonstrate the actions taken across the local partnership to prevent abuse, neglect and self-neglect; and to ensure that when it does occur our

multi-agency response is timely, proportionate, coordinated, effective and in accordance with the key principles of Safeguarding children, young people and adults. This activity optimises the safety, wellbeing and quality of life of Hillingdon residents.

Financial Implications

None at this stage.

Legal Implications

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- The Care and Support Statutory Guidance, Department of Health and Social Care, October 2018 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance#safeguarding-1>
- The Care Act 2014 - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/section/43/enacted>

APPENDICES

1. Hillingdon Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19
2. Hillingdon Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018-19