

HILLINGDON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (HSAB) ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

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Papers with report	Annual Report 2018/19

HEADLINES

Summary	<p>This paper is to support the presentation of Hillingdon Safeguarding Adults Board's (HSAB) Annual Report for 2018/19.</p> <p>HSAB is a multi-agency arrangement with our statutory partners - the Police and Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group, along with other key partners across the Borough. HSAB members work collaboratively to meet the strategic objectives of HSAB, in order to optimise the safety, wellbeing and quality of life of adults with care and support needs, their carers and family.</p> <p>The Care Act 2014 placed a statutory duty on each Safeguarding Adults Board to produce an Annual Report, outlining the work undertaken to achieve its strategic objectives, the work of each member to implement the Safeguarding Adults Boards' strategy and detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews and subsequent required actions.</p> <p>HSAB's Annual Report outlines the work undertaken by HSAB across 2018/19. Further to ratification by HSAB, the 2018/19 Annual Report is submitted to the Cabinet for consideration; along with the relevant Policy Overview Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board and Chief Executive.</p>
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the following Council objective: <i>Our People</i> .
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial costs arising as a consequence of this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Social Care, Housing and Public Health.
Relevant Ward(s)	Safeguarding Adults activity is relevant to every Ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet notes the Hillingdon Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2018/19.

Reasons for recommendation

HSAB's Annual Report 2018/19 demonstrates the activity undertaken across the local partnership to meet HASB's strategic objectives, and to optimise the safety, wellbeing and quality of life of adults with care and support needs, their carers and family.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None.

Policy Overview Committee comments

At its meeting on 31 July 2019, the Social Care, Housing and Public Health Committee considered the last Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) annual report under the current arrangements. The Committee welcomed the news that the SAB had made progress in a number of its priority areas including domestic abuse and modern slavery but accepted that there was still work to be done. Members noted that there had been a marked increase in the number of adult safeguarding concerns and enquiries, which had occurred as a result of a review of working and partnership arrangements to ensure that all information was accurately captured. Members therefore considered this increase to be a positive step. Members thanked all bodies for their work, applauded the new person centred approach and welcomed the information highlighting how domestic abuse services had improved. The Committee also wished to give a special thanks to the departing Chairman of the SAB.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The Care Act 2014 received Royal Assent on 14th May 2014 and came into effect on 01 April 2015. It introduced a number of statutory duties related to Safeguarding Adults and is supported by "The Care and Support Guidance".

The Statutory Guidance, section 14.7, provides the following definition - "*Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action.*"

2. Section 43(1) of The Care Act places a duty on Local Authorities to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board 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.
3. Section 14.136 of the Statutory Guidance outlines the need for each Safeguarding Adults Board to produce an Annual Report outlining the work undertaken to achieve its strategic objectives, the work of each member to implement the Board's strategy, along with detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews and subsequent required actions. Please refer to the attached HSAB Annual Report for details of HSAB's activity for 2018/19, along with the agreed strategic objectives for 2019/20.
4. The HSAB Annual Report 2018/19 highlights activity undertaken by the partnership to work towards achieving HSAB's agreed priorities for 2018/19 including Modern Day Slavery and Domestic Abuse. Staff completed training to increase their skills and knowledge relating to these priority areas. A review of local operational pathways and guidance commenced to ensure our multi agency response is effective and in accordance with relevant legislation, policies and best practice. Moreover, Board Members participated in the development of the London Borough of Hillingdon Domestic Abuse Strategy 2018-2021 and supported the work required to complete agreed actions. The HSAB Annual Report also highlights that Modern Slavery and Domestic Abuse continue as HSAB priorities into 2019 as work is ongoing.

The HSAB Annual Report outlines that the number of Safeguarding Adult Concerns reported to the Local Authority in 2018/19 increased by 64% and the highest number of concerns reported related to neglect/acts of omission followed by physical abuse. The increase in concerns being reported is attributed to a greater awareness of Safeguarding Adults, enhanced collaborative working with key partners and developments in our recording systems.

Other key achievements include - a comprehensive Safeguarding Adults training offer, quality assurance activity within Adult Social Care to identify good practice along with areas for development, partners working collaboratively to optimise the quality of care and support provided to residents by Domiciliary Care Providers and Care Homes, the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Team meeting the demand of a 4% increase in applications, reviews taking place under the Learning Disabilities Mortality Review programme (LeDeR), attendance at the Channel Panel (related to radicalisation concerns), attendance at the Domestic Abuse Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference - DA MARAC (related to Domestic Abuse concerns), along with the work of the London Fire Brigade to promote fire safety.

5. It is important to highlight that HSAB's structure is being revised to compliment the planned changes to our Safeguarding Children arrangements. Aligning with the Children's arrangements will provide greater efficiency and effectiveness of the time required by all partners. 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 arrangements, 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.

Financial Implications

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

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The publication of this report will not directly affect residents. However, HSAB's Annual Report demonstrates 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 Adults. This activity optimises the safety, wellbeing and quality of life of Hillingdon residents.

Consultation carried out or required

The Annual Report contains summary reports from key members of HSAB.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report, confirming that there are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendation that Cabinet note the content of the annual report.

Legal

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

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>