

HILLINGDON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

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Papers with report	Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report 2019-2020

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	<p>The Safeguarding Annual Report summarises the work undertaken by Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership to support and safeguard Hillingdon's residents - adults with support and care needs and vulnerable children. The report focuses on work done by both the Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Safeguarding Adult Board. The purpose of the annual report is also to provide evidence about the standard to which the agencies responsible for safeguarding children and adults in the London Borough of Hillingdon have performed. The report provides evidence and reassurance that, through the partnership's activity, the services provided to Hillingdon residents continue to meet the support needs and during the year the residents, regardless of age, remained safe.</p> <p>Embedding the new Hillingdon Safeguarding Children arrangements in line with the legislative changes has been a key focus during 2019-20. CCG, Police and local authority have become equal partners with responsibility for safeguarding vulnerable children. The same approach has been adopted by the Safeguarding Adult Board during the year. This promotes consistency in safeguarding and supporting Hillingdon's residents, regardless of their age, in strategic coordination of priorities across the partnership, scrutiny of effectiveness and development of services.</p> <p>The report demonstrates 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.</p> <p>The new partnership arrangements succeeded in implementing a joint and coherent vision across the services and that put us in a</p>
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	<p>good position to both respond to the needs of the residents and to effectively coordinate the response to COVID-19 at the beginning of this financial year when the partnership continued to support residents despite the significant challenges posed by the pandemic.</p> <p>The exceptional circumstances over the last months posed significant pressures for all agencies and, as a result of the changing priorities during the pandemic, the decision was made to timetable this Annual Report for later in the year than had been originally planned. For this reason, this Annual Report is presented in draft as it will only be scrutinised and ratified by the Safeguarding Adults board on the 16 September 2020 and the Children Safeguarding Partnership on 28 September 2020.</p>
<p>Contribution to plans and strategies</p>	<p>This report supports the following London Borough of Hillingdon objective: Our People. The report outlines the strategic safeguarding priorities for 2020-21.</p>
<p>Financial Cost</p>	<p>There are no financial costs arising as a consequence of this report.</p>
<p>Ward(s) affected</p>	<p>All</p>

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Health and Wellbeing Board is updated with the achievements of Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership in the year 2019-20 and is aware of the strategic priorities for 2020-21.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. This is a draft of the final report pending agreement at the Safeguarding Adult Board and Safeguarding Children Partnership Board and is subject to change. The final version will be made accessible to the public once all consultation and final ratification has been completed.
2. The Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report 2019/20 summarises the activity undertaken across the local partnership to meet the strategic objectives set by the Safeguarding Adult Board, and Safeguarding Children Partnership.
3. In September 2019, the Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership arrangements were launched in line with the statutory requirements set out in the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. The Local Authority now shares equal responsibility with its statutory partners (NHS Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group and Metropolitan Police) to safeguard children and young people.

4. 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 Board's strategy and detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews and subsequent required actions.
5. During 2019-20, Hillingdon Safeguarding Adult Board's structure was aligned with the Safeguarding Children's Arrangements. This provides for greater coordination and consistency in delivering services to residents. At the same time, the learning and development of the services are now coordinated across the two Boards, reducing duplication and promoting a more effective approach.
6. In promoting this joint approach, both Boards are now scrutinised and held to account through the multiagency Executive Leadership Group. The Group is chaired by the local authority's Chief Executive and attended by the senior representatives of the safeguarding partners (Police and Clinical Commissioning Group).
7. This report is in final draft stage and is subject to final ratification by the Safeguarding Adult Board and Safeguarding Children Partnership Board. The report will be published on the Safeguarding Partnership website.

Financial Implications

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

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

The report summarises progress and highlights strategic priorities for safeguarding within the London Borough of Hillingdon. It will not directly affect residents; however, it demonstrates actions taken across the local partnership to prevent abuse and neglect; and outlines the key priority areas of service for the next year. These priorities are predicated on analysis of local need and serve to optimise the safety, wellbeing and quality of life for Hillingdon residents.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

The statutory members of the Safeguarding Partnership have contributed to this report, along with other relevant partners. Final consultation is required with the Safeguarding Adult Board and Safeguarding Children Partnership. This is scheduled to be completed by the 28 September 2020.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

5. 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](#)

The Care Act 2014 - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/section/43/enacted>

Working together to safeguard children, Department of Education, 2018 -
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 -
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/16/contents/enacted>

London multiagency adult safeguarding policies and procedures -
<https://londonadass.org.uk/safeguarding/review-of-the-pan-london-policy-and-procedures/>