

# HILLINGDON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A - Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report 2022-2023 Appendix B - Children and Young People's Annual Report Appendix C - Easy Read Annual Report

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Summary</b>	<p>The Safeguarding Annual Report summarises the work undertaken by Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership to support and safeguard Hillingdon's residents – children and young people, adults with care and support needs and their carers and families. The report focuses on the work of the Safeguarding Children Partnership, the Safeguarding Adults Board and related subgroups. Independent Scrutiny is provided by Alan Caton OBE, whose full letter of findings with identified areas for consideration is published on the Safeguarding Partnership websites. A summary of these findings is provided at the outset of the Report.</p> <p>Safeguarding practice does not take place in a vacuum, it is helpful to understand the wider context for this report. In 2022-2023 services locally, and nationally, continued to face additional pressures with a sustained increase in demand across all agencies to meet the safeguarding needs of residents. This is not a Hillingdon specific issue and is replicated nationally. The health, social and economic ramifications of the pandemic have been further exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis, with widespread strain on public, voluntary and safeguarding services.</p> <p>The Report sets out how the multiagency strategic partnership contributes to safeguarding practice in the Borough, outlining the progress made against the agreed priorities of the Safeguarding Partnership. Each priority has a dedicated subgroup, with an agreed plan of work that, broadly, seeks to develop practice using a framework of prevention, identification, and response.</p> <p>Our approach to learning from practice through quality assurance, reflective and statutory review ensures that we focus on practice and system development to reduce the risks of serious harm to adults or children. This includes direct engagement with frontline practitioners across the Partnership. Identified learning informs our</p>
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	<p>training provision with a diverse offer of newsletters, practice briefings, webinars, learning events and commissioned training available. In the reporting period the number of sessions of continuous professional development attended increased by over 40%. This is largely due to improved accessibility through focussed and targeted webinars.</p> <p>In the last year the Partnership further highlighted the importance of directly consulting with adults and children with lived experience of safeguarding services, ensuring that their voices are sought and amplified. The main Report is supported by the publication of an Easy Read version, and the coproduction of our first Children and Young People’s Annual Report.</p>
<b>Contribution to plans and strategies</b>	This report supports the following London Borough of Hillingdon objective: Our People. The report outlines the strategic safeguarding priorities for 2023-24
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial costs arising
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	All

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Health and Wellbeing Board is updated with the achievements of Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership in the year 2022-2023 and is aware of the strategic priorities for 2023-2024**

## **3. INFORMATION**

### **Supporting Information**

1. The Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report 2022-2023 summarises the activity undertaken across the local partnership to meet the strategic objectives set by the Safeguarding Adult Board, and Safeguarding Children Partnership.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 were coordinated across the two Boards, reducing duplication and promoting a more effective approach.

5. In promoting this joint approach, both Boards continue to be scrutinised and held to account through the multiagency Executive Leadership Group, attended by the Local Authority Chief Executive, the Metropolitan Police Borough Commander and the Deputy Chief Nurse of North West London NHS Integrated Care Board.
6. This report has been ratified by the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board, the Safeguarding Adults Board, and the Executive Leadership Group. The report will be published on the Safeguarding Partnership websites.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising because 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.

### **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/>

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