

## Executive Decision Report

<b>Decision maker and date of Leadership Team meeting or (in the case of individual Lead Member decisions) the earliest date the decision will be taken</b>	Leadership Team 9 January 2019 Portfolio: Cllr Sarah Addenbrooke, Lead Member for Adult Social Care	 THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
<b>Report title</b>	Safeguarding Adults Executive Board Annual Report 2017/18	
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<b>Key decision</b>	No	
<b>Access to information classification</b>	Public	

**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This is the fifth Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adult Executive Board (SAEB). The multi-agency Board provided leadership of adult safeguarding across the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham; the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea; and the City of Westminster. As from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 the SAEB is operating as a Bi- Borough board as part of the disaggregation from Tri- Borough services. The purpose of the Board is to ensure that member agencies work together, and independently, to secure the safety of residents who are at most at risk of harm from others, or through self-neglect. The responsibilities of the SAEB are detailed in Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014<sup>1</sup>, and include the requirement to report on how members are progressing the SAEB's strategic priorities. These priorities are informed by the learning from Safeguarding Enquiries (Section 42), and Safeguarding Adults Reviews (Section 44) of deaths and serious harm.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the report is noted and strategy and the emerging themes informing its current work endorsed.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/schedule/2/enacted>

### **3. REASONS FOR DECISION**

- 3.1 The Leadership Team is requested to consider the Annual Report 2017/18 of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board (SAEB), with particular regard to the arrangements that have been put in place to meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
- 3.2 The focus of the report is on how the emerging themes from Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Enquiries have informed the priorities of the Board during 2017/18, and how agencies represented on the SAEB are changing the way they do things, and staff practice in response to lessons learned.
- 3.3 The report seeks to show how the SAEB and member agencies have addressed these priorities during 2017/18. This work included: paying more attention to each resident or patient being at the centre of decision-making about their care, treatment, and safety; tackling financial abuse and fraud by helping people protect themselves and others against scams; and reducing the risk of unnecessary deaths from self-neglect and hoarding. Community Champions have been essential to helping the Board reach residents who may be wary of engaging with statutory services, and in turn, the Board is actively supporting the Champions in their work to create healthier and safer communities.
- 3.4 The Board continues to promote the concept of Making Safeguarding Personal and the report contains case studies which show the application of this principle, highlighting the person's experience and the difference this has made to their lives. The work is shown under headings 'You said', 'We did' and is designed to illustrate the Board's Safeguarding Strategy, nationally known as 'The House'.
- 3.5 A summary of findings of a Safeguarding Adults Review in accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act raised the need for a wider variety of residential and nursing care provision for people with dementia. This Safeguarding Adult Review forms a key section in this year's report. The final report posed questions to the SAEB about the provision of dementia care. Evidence in the full SAR report demonstrated that these are systemic issues and not a one off event.

### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board has 3 core duties. It must
  - Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute
  - Publish an Annual Report detailing how effective their work has been
  - Commission Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR's) for any cases which meet the criteria for these
- 4.1.1 The learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Safeguarding enquiries this year has demonstrated how much can be achieved by working together to tackle issues that may make communities unhealthy or unsafe, and from learning lessons and making changes where these are indicated. The SAEB

actively promotes a learning culture and members are transparent, engaged, and accountable to one another, leading to better outcomes for people in need of care and support.

## **5. CONSULTATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

5.1 All necessary consultation has taken place **before** this report was published. The consultation included circulation of the draft report to all members of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board, seeking their comments and consent to publication

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The Care Act 2014 says the Board must publish a report of what it has done during the year to achieve its objectives, including findings of the reviews arranged by it under Section 44 of the Act.

6.1.1 The SAEB must lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its locality and oversee and coordinate the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies. This will require the SAB to develop and actively promote a culture with its members, partners and the local community that recognises the values and principles contained in '**Making Safeguarding Personal**'. It should also concern itself with a range of issues which can contribute to the wellbeing of its community and the prevention of abuse and neglect, such as:

- the safety of people who use services in local health settings, including mental health
- the safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing
- effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason
- the quality of local care and support services
- the effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders
- making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse.

## **7. FINANCIAL, PROPERTY AND ANY OTHER RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

Annual contributions from SAEB members to support the function of the board include:

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime **£15,000.00** (£5,000.00 per borough)  
CCG Collaborative **£60,000.00** (£20,000 per borough)  
London Fire Brigade **£1,500.00** (£500.00 per borough)

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**Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) – Background papers used in the preparation of this report**

*[Note: Please list only those that are not already in the public domain, i.e. you do not need to include Government publications, previous public reports etc.]*

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