

 <p>Brent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet 19 June 2017</p> <p>Report from Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships</p>
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<p>Recommendations from Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee: Brent Safeguarding Adults Board</p>	

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report has the recommendation for Cabinet agreed by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee after discussion of the annual report for 2015-16 of the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the recommendation as set out in Appendix A.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 On 29 March 2017 the committee received the annual report of the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board for 2015-16, which was presented by the Independent Chair, Professor Michael Preston-Shoot.
- 3.2 Also attending the scrutiny committee meeting was the Strategic Director Community Wellbeing, and Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing.
- 3.3 The Board's annual report set out the safeguarding activity which had been carried out by the Board's partners across the social care, health and criminal justice sectors in Brent. The analysis was divided into the four sections: prevalence of abuse; multi-agency response to safeguarding risks; strategic priorities; and learning from case reviews to improve practice. Committee members had a wide-ranging discussion with the Independent Chair, Strategic Director and Cabinet Member about the themes in the report and put a number of questions to the Independent Chair about the 2015/16 annual report.

- 3.4 Members enquired about levels of commitment from statutory partners, the opportunities for local community and voluntary organisations to get involved in the work of the Board and the overall safeguarding performance across the partnership. The Independent Chair said that overall levels of commitment of Board members had been high and an executive had been set up to drive the work of the Board and oversee the work of the sub-groups. There was also discussion of the public raising concerns and publicising the Board's activities, and engagement with community care and care providers.
- 3.5 During the wider discussion a committee member asked if the Council could request mandatory engagement from Brent's contractors and whether such an obligation could be added to potential new commissioning contracts. There was a discussion of this issue and Professor Preston-Shoot confirmed that this had been possible as it provided clarity in terms of responsibilities. On the basis of the discussion, members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed a recommendation on this subject for Cabinet, which is set out in Appendix A.

Background Papers

Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015/16, report to Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, 29 March 2017

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