

	Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee 26 November 2019
	Report from the Independent Chair of Brent Safeguarding Adults Board
Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-19	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	1 – Appendix 1 – Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-19
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To enable members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to consider the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board annual report covering the period from April 2018 to April 2019.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Brent Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership board consisting of a range of organisations that deliver services to adults in the London Borough of Brent.

- 3.2 Brent Safeguarding Adults Board members represent their organisations at the Board. These members include but are not limited to London Ambulance Service, London Fire Brigade, The Metropolitan Police, Brent Clinical Commissioning Group, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, Healthwatch Brent, voluntary organisations, Probation services, Mental Health Services and Drug and Alcohol Services.
- 3.3 In order to provide oversight, the Safeguarding Adults Board must be independent. There is an independent chair, Michael Preston-Shoot, who holds all agencies to account. The Independent Chair is held to account for effective working of the Safeguarding Adults Board by the Chief Executive of Brent Council and must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Adults Board. The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is asked to note this report and its content.
- 3.4 The Safeguarding Adults Board is in the process of refreshing its strategic plan. The existing plan agreed by its members (The Strategic Plan 2017-2019) is to;
- Increase awareness and understanding of safeguarding adults within the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board workforce and wider community.
 - Continue to work together to understand and meet the challenges of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS).
 - Service User Voice – To ensure the work of the SAB is influenced by service users and their representatives.
 - Making Safeguarding Personal – Continue to work to progress the ‘Making Safeguarding Personal’ agenda.
 - To use Training & Workforce Development to support the delivery of Brent SABs priorities
 - To increase the voice of service users, carers and their representatives in the work of the Brent SAB.
- 3.5 During 2018-2019, Brent Safeguarding Adults Board carried out a range of activities in response to these priorities. Please see the annual report for further information.
- 3.6 All Safeguarding Adults Board members have an obligation to provide the board with resources to support its functions. This includes having a representative present at the Board and where applicable at its sub-groups. It may also include providing information to The Board or contributing financially.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 For the 2018/19 financial year, the Safeguarding Adults Board had an annual budget of £67,900 excluding staff costs.

- 4.2 There was an underspend of which £40,281.50 was transferred to reserves to be utilised in future commitments for which payment has been deferred until completion. Further information can be found in the annual report.
- 4.3 The main contributor to the budget was the London Borough of Brent with Brent NHS Clinical Commissioning Group the second largest funding contributor to The Board. The remainder of the budget is funded by the Mayor's Office For Policing and Crime and the London Fire Brigade. The budget is spent on learning events, the annual conference and for the commissioning of Safeguarding Adult Reviews. A full breakdown of the budget is included in the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report.
- 4.4 The local authority makes additional contributions in the form of staffing costs of approximately £100k to support the running of the Safeguarding Adults Board and learning and development with additional management oversight over these areas.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Care Act 2014 directed local authorities to set up a Safeguarding Adults Board covering their area with core membership from the local authority, the Police and the NHS (specifically the local Clinical Commissioning Group/s) and the power to include other relevant bodies.
- 5.2 The Care Act places a requirement on Safeguarding Adults Boards to; publish an annual report and strategic plan and to hold partner agencies to account for how they work together to protect adults from neglect or abuse. The Act stated that partner agencies and services must work together to implement strategies to protect adults at risk of abuse and neglect locally.
- 5.3 The Care Act 2014 also requires the Safeguarding Adults Boards to commission Safeguarding Adult Reviews under Section 44 where the threshold is met. The Care Act 2014 requires partners to cooperate with the review process and Section 45 of the Care Act 2014 requires partners to supply relevant information to enable the Review to take place.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 The objective of the Safeguarding Adults Board is to ensure that adults at risk are able to live their lives free from abuse and neglect. The way in which a Safeguarding Adults Board must seek to achieve its objective is by co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of what each of its members does.
- 6.2 The Safeguarding Adults Board has the freedom to put in place anything it deems necessary to achieve its objective. This may include raising awareness of adult safeguarding.

- 6.3 The Safeguarding Adults Board should be assured that partners are putting systems in place to protect adults at risk in the area for which it is responsible. Including people with additional needs and hard to reach groups.
- 6.4 In carrying out its functions, the Safeguarding Adults Board will adhere to general equalities duties namely; eliminate unlawful discrimination; harassment and victimisation; to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who do not.
- 6.5 The Board works to ensure safeguarding of all adults at risk regardless of their 'protected characteristics' as defined under the Equalities Act.
- 7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders**
- 7.1 Ward members who are members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will be involved in scrutinising this report at committee.

REPORT SIGN-OFF

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