

	<b>Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee</b> 22 February 2022
	<b>Report from the Transitional Safeguarding Task Group</b>
<b>Transitional Safeguarding Task Group Final Report</b>	

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	Non-Key
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Transitional Safeguarding Scrutiny Task Group Final Report
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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## 1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the findings and recommendations of the Transitional Safeguarding Task Group to the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

## 2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To discuss and agree the contents of the report, with particular regard to the recommendations for Brent Council's Cabinet.

### **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee can commission evidence based reviews of a policy area or function of the local authority, which are led by non-executive members. The Transitional Safeguarding Task Group was established to review the development of transitional safeguarding in Brent.
- 3.2 The evolution of transitional safeguarding practice nationally and the development of transitional safeguarding arrangements in Brent made the creation of the scrutiny task group timely, and has enabled members to review these arrangements at an early stage.
- 3.3 The Task Group was asked to produce a written report with recommendations to Brent Council's Cabinet and/or local NHS organisations. The Task Group's interim report was presented to the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 24 January 2022 which included early feedback on their findings. It has now concluded its work and its findings and recommendations are set out in the full report attached as Appendix 1.

### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 It is possible that if a recommendation was accepted and implemented that it may have financial implications for the local authority and/or local NHS organisations. Any financial implications will be reviewed by officers and reported to Cabinet for their consideration and approval.

### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Section 9F, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, *overview and scrutiny committees: functions*, requires that Executive Arrangements by a local authority must ensure that its overview and scrutiny committees have the power to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are or are not the responsibility of the executive, or on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.
- 5.2 Section 9Fe, *duty of authority or executive to respond to overview and scrutiny committee*, requires that the authority or executive;-
- (a) consider the report or recommendations,
  - (b) respond to the overview and scrutiny committee indicating what (if any) action the authority, or the executive, proposes to take,
  - (c) if the overview and scrutiny committee has published the report or recommendations, publish the response, within two months beginning with the date on which the authority or executive received the report or recommendations.

## **6.0 Equality Implications**

- 6.1 The scrutiny review should consider equalities duties as part of the general duty set out in the 2010 Equality Act.
- 6.2 Under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council has a duty when exercising their functions to have 'due regard' to the need to:
- a) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act;
  - b) advance equality of opportunity; and
  - c) foster good relations between those who share a "protected characteristic" and those who do not.
- 6.3 This is the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED). The 'protected characteristics' are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

## **7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders**

- 7.1 The report has been drawn up in consultation with Task Group members.

**Report sign off:**

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