

Appendix A

Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (CWBSC) Scrutiny Recommendations and Information Request Tracker 2026-27

The Recommendations Tracker is a standing item on committee agendas, and documents the progress of scrutiny recommendations, suggestions for improvement, and information requests made by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee at its public meetings and as part of task and finish group reviews. Scrutiny recommendations, suggestions for improvement, and information requests will not be removed from the tracker until full responses have been provided to the Committee by either the Cabinet, council departments, and/or external partners.

Recorded Recommendations to Cabinet from CWBSC

Meeting date and agenda item	Scrutiny Recommendation	Cabinet Member, Lead Officer, and Department	Executive Response	Implementation Status	Review date

Recorded Recommendations to external partners from CWBSC

Meeting date and agenda item	Scrutiny Recommendation	External partner	Response	Status
30 June 2026 – (1) Brent Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report (2025/26) & (2) Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership Report (2025/26)	For future reports to include additional data in relation to referrals, including demographics and outcomes. This should include infographics and tables with historic data included to help visualise trends.	Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership Independent Scrutineer	Both the Independent Chair of the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board and the Independent Scrutineer of the Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership recognise the value of providing enhanced data and analysis within future safeguarding partnership annual reports. It is acknowledged that the inclusion of additional partnership performance information relating to safeguarding activity, will provide greater transparency and support a more comprehensive understanding of safeguarding activity and its impact across Brent's diverse communities.	

			Therefore, future reports will seek to incorporate a broader range of quantitative data, where data quality and availability permit. Consideration will also be given to the use of infographics, tables and other visual representations to improve accessibility and assist readers in identifying key trends, areas of improvement and emerging challenges. This development will support the Partnership's ongoing commitment to evidence-based scrutiny, accountability and continuous improvement, whilst ensuring reports remain proportionate and focused on the most meaningful measures of partnership safeguarding effectiveness and outcomes.	
30 June 2026 – (1) Brent Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report (2025/26) & (2) Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership Report (2025/26)	For future reports to include a section related to communications between agencies, including strengths and weaknesses.	Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership Independent Scrutineer	Future annual reports will seek to include a focus on multi-agency interaction and partnership working within safeguarding, highlighting both areas of good practice and areas where improvements are required. Drawing on learning from safeguarding reviews, audits, practitioner feedback, partnership performance discussions and quality assurance activity to provide a balanced assessment of how agencies work together to identify, assess and respond to safeguarding concerns. This in turn will strengthen transparency and accountability across the safeguarding partnerships and provide greater insight within the annual reports into the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements. It will also support the ongoing focus on continuous improvement by identifying opportunities to enhance information sharing, professional challenge, joint decision-making and collaborative working across the systems.	
30 June 2026 – (1) Brent Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual	To recommend that partners work together and consult with members ahead of the next report to agree what data would be useful for the Committee to receive across both	Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership	Ahead of the next annual reporting cycle, the Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children Partnership will continue to review their reporting arrangements and engage with Members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to better understand the information and context that may assist Members in considering the annual reports and the work of the respective partnerships. This will support a clearer	

Report (2025/26) & (2) Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership Report (2025/26)	the children's and adult's partnerships.	Independent Scrutineer	understanding of safeguarding priorities, activity, performance, trends and outcomes across both partnerships. The Board and Partnership remain committed to transparent and meaningful reporting. As the statutory bodies responsible for overseeing the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements, they will continue to determine the content of their annual reports in line with their legislative responsibilities, local priorities and statutory guidance. While consideration will be given to how information is presented to support Members' understanding, the purpose of engagement with the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is not to determine report content but to ensure that reports are accessible, informative and provide an appropriate account of safeguarding activity and outcomes for Brent residents. This approach supports constructive engagement with elected Members while maintaining clear accountability for assurance within the governance arrangements of the Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children Partnership.	
30 June 2026 – Brent Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report (2025/26)	For the SAB to reach out to all members of the Council to hear their feedback on making referrals and engaging with the safeguarding team.	Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair	The Safeguarding Adults Board welcomes feedback from elected Members regarding their experiences of local safeguarding arrangements where relevant. Any feedback received may be considered alongside assurance findings, performance information and feedback from practitioners, partners and residents to inform ongoing service development and partnership discussions. As the statutory body responsible for overseeing the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements, the Board will continue to use a range of evidence sources to support its assurance activity and identify opportunities for learning and improvement. While elected Members may provide valuable local insight, this sits alongside the Board's wider oversight and governance responsibilities. The Board remains committed to continuous learning and improvement and will continue to draw on a range of evidence,	

			assurance activity and stakeholder feedback to support its oversight of the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements.	
30 June 2026 – Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership Report (2025/26)	For the Independent Scrutineer to contact Healthwatch to see how they can support the work of the partnership. This was a recommendation made last year which has not yet been actioned.	Brent Safeguarding Children Partnership Independent Scrutineer	In recognition of the planned abolition of Healthwatch, the Independent Scrutineer will make attempts to engage with Healthwatch to capture any relevant learning, insights and recommendations arising from its experience of working across multiple partners and agencies.	

Recorded suggestions for improvement from CWBSC to Council departments/partners

Meeting date and agenda item	Suggestions for improvement	Council Department/External Partner	Response	Status
30 June 2026 - Brent Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report (2025/26)	To recommend a more specific and overarching strategic priority on multi-agency partnership working.	Children, Young People and Community Development Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair	Effective multi-agency partnership working is the foundation of the safeguarding arrangements and underpins all aspects of the Partnership's statutory responsibilities. Rather than being a discrete priority, collaboration, information sharing, joint accountability and collective responsibility are integral to the way safeguarding partners discharge their duties and work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The Board and its partners will continue to ensure that these principles are embedded throughout strategic planning, governance, quality assurance and service delivery activity. Future plans and reports will seek to demonstrate how partnership working supports the achievement of safeguarding objectives, including examples of joint initiatives, shared decision-making, collaborative improvement activity and learning arising from audits, reviews and quality assurance processes. By evidencing how agencies work together to identify need, manage risk and improve outcomes for children and families, reporting will provide assurance regarding the effectiveness of	

			local safeguarding arrangements and the extent to which statutory partners are fulfilling their collective safeguarding responsibilities.	
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Information requests from CWBSC to Council departments/partners

Meeting date and agenda item	Information requests	Council Department/External Partner	Response
30 June 2026 – Brent Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report (2025/26)	To receive the last three years of safeguarding referral figures.	Service Reform and Strategy	The data requested by the Committee will be made available ahead of its next meeting.