



**Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny
Committee**

8 October 2018

**Report from the Independent Chair of
Brent Safeguarding Adults Board**

For Information

Wards Affected: ALL

**Brent Safeguarding Adults Board
Annual Report 2017-18**

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
No. of Appendices:	1 – Safeguarding Adults Board – 2017/18 Annual Report
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 review the Local Safeguarding Adult's Board Annual Report 2017-18.

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

- 3.2 Brent London Safeguarding Adults Board members represent their organisations at the Board. These members include London Ambulance Service, London Fire Brigade, The Metropolitan Police, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, NHS England, Healthwatch, voluntary organisations, Probation services, Probation Community Rehabilitation Company, Mental Health Services and Clinical Commissioning Groups.
- 3.3 In order to provide scrutiny, 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 focus of the Safeguarding Adults Board is agreed by its members in the form of the Strategic Plan 2017-2019 namely;
- Increasing awareness and understanding of safeguarding adults within the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board workforce and wider community.
 - Continuing 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 BSAB priorities
 - To increase the voice of service users, carers and their representatives in the work of the BSAB.
- 3.5 During 2017-2018, Brent Safeguarding Adults Board carried out a range of activities in response to these priorities. Please see Annual Report for further information.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 The main financial contributor continues to be the London Borough of Brent with Brent NHS Clinical Commissioning Group being 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

staffing costs, learning events, the annual conference and commissioning Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

- 4.3 A full breakdown of the budget is included in in the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report.

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 vulnerable adults locally.

- 5.3 The Care Act 2014 also requires the Safeguarding Adults Boards to commission Serious Case 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 help and protect vulnerable adults in its area who are at risk of, or suffered, neglect and abuse. 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 A 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 vulnerable adults in the area for which it is responsible. Including people with additional needs and hard to reach groups.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 All members of the Safeguarding Adults Board have all contributed to the annual report.