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| Health and Wellbeing Board 9 th December 2014 |  |
| Report of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets | Classification: Unrestricted |
| 2013/14 Safeguarding Adult Board report | |

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| Executive Key Decision? | No |

Executive Summary

The Safeguarding Adult Board publishes an Annual Report, this report is for the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014. The report outlines the achievements of the Safeguarding Adult Board and its key partners including the CCG, Bart's Healthcare, East London Foundation NHS Trust and the Council.

The agenda item is to discuss with Brian Parrott, Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adult Board, the 2013/14 Annual Report and Safeguarding Adult Board performance. The Independent Chair will introduce the subject in its national, London and Tower Hamlets contexts. It is important that attendees have an appreciation of the statutory basis, scope, opportunities and limitations of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

Mr Parrott last year presented the annual report for 2012/13 highlighting the key issues and the work plan for the current year. He reported at the time overall that there was consistently a good spirit of inter-agency working and commitment as highlighted by the work on the serious case review. He highlighted the role of the SAB and the expectations from partners. There is now a written protocol between HWBB and Safeguarding Adults Board which is a very positive development between the two partnerships.

The 2013/14 Annual Report identifies that the SAB has:

- strengthened its knowledge about what actually happens to people receiving a service through its revised information, quality assurance and performance review arrangements
- liaised constructively with others in relation to the Care Quality Commission's scrutiny of Bart's Health services
- helped organisations embrace properly their responsibilities under the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberties Safeguards
- promoted guidance, as simplified as possible, to staff of all organisations and the public, about what 'safeguarding' means and what people should do in the event of

concerns, allegations or suspicions of abuse

- begun to prepare for the implementation of the Care Act in 2015 which will give safeguarding adults a much stronger statutory basis

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Consider and comment on the 2013/14 Safeguarding Adult Board annual report

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2013/14 has been agreed at the Safeguarding Adult Board and this is for an information item and an opportunity to address any questions to the Independent Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2013/14 has been agreed, there is not a statutory reason as to why the HWBB should discuss it.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The Safeguarding Adult Board publishes an Annual Report which details the work of the Safeguarding Adult Board and its members, across a financial year. The report being presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board is the 2013/14 Annual Report and is for information only.
- 3.2 The report identifies the work that partner organisations have been undertaking, including the identification of key issues for Adult Safeguarding in 2013-2014, achievements in 2013/14 against SAB work plan 2012- 2013 and provides a work plan /business Plan for 2014/15.
- 3.3 The developing of the 2014/15 Annual Report will be starting in December so any comments or recommendations as to what the HWBB would like to be considered for the 2014/15 report are welcome.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications as a result of the recommendations in this report.

5. LEGALCOMMENTS

- 5.1. The Council is required by section 1 of the Care Act 2014 to exercise its functions under Part 1 of the Act so as to promote the well-being of adults, which includes safeguarding adults who have care needs, who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Pursuant to section 42 of the Act, the Council has a positive obligation to enquire into actual and potential cases of abuse or neglect so as to enable decisions to be taken about what action should be taken in each adult's case.
- 5.2. The Care Act 2014 will place the Council's duties in respect of safeguarding adults with care needs who are at risk of abuse or neglect on a statutory basis from April 2015. The requirements in respect of establishing a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) are set out in Sections 43-45 and Schedule 2 of the 2014 Act.

- 5.3 The Care and Support Statutory Guidance released in October 2014 sets out further detail in respect of the requirement to publish the SAB Strategic Plan and Annual Reports, at paragraphs 14.123-14.132 of the Guidance. The Strategic Plan for each financial year will need to set out how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve these objectives. The Plan must be developed with local community involvement and the SAB must consult the Local Healthwatch organisation.
- 5.4 A SAB must also publish an Annual Report as soon as possible after the end of each financial year, detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its Strategic Plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews or any ongoing reviews.
- 5.5 From April 2015 the SAB must comply with those requirements, unless they can demonstrate legally sound reasons for not doing so.
- 5.6 The HWB is asked to consider and comment on the 2013/14 Safeguarding Adult Board annual report, which is consistent with one of its functions under the HWB terms of reference, to have oversight of the quality, safety and performance mechanisms operated by member organisations of the Board.
- 5.7 When planning for integration of health and social care functions, the Council and its committees including the HWB must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. In Tower Hamlets, a female is 60% more likely than a male to be involved in a safeguarding issue as the alleged victim. This reflects the England average as per previous AVA results, 2011-12 (58%) and 2012-13 (61%). During this year the Safeguarding team publicised a feature on safeguarding adults in the local paper. Further features will emphasise the point that men can be abused too as there is a general concern that abuse against men may be hidden.
- 6.2. The data also indicates that 61% of safeguarding referrals are amongst individuals from white ethnic backgrounds in Tower Hamlets. This is lower than the England average of 88% (AVA - 2012-13). There is a higher proportion of safeguarding referrals in Tower Hamlets for the Asian population, mainly Bangladeshi population (25%) while nationally this equates to 3% (AVA - 2012-13). The Bangladeshi population makes up almost one third (32%) of Tower Hamlets population – considerably larger than the proportion across London (3%) or England (under 1 per cent).

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Safeguarding Adult Board will become a statutory body from 1st April 2015 and there will be a statutory requirement to publish future Annual Report's and to publish a strategic plan.
- 7.2 Mr Parrot's presentation gives an opportunity to discuss the 2013/14 Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report with the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adult Board.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2013/14 identifies the work undertaken by the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adult Board during 2013/14, and identifies an action plan for 2014/15.

Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices

- Appendices:
 - Appendix 1: Protocol between HWBB LSC and SAB
 - Appendix 2: Objectives and core essentials of the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board