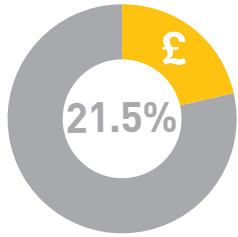


KEEPING ADULTS SAFE IN TOWER HAMLETS 2015-16

The SAB is a multi-agency board that oversees safeguarding arrangements for adults in the borough.

POPULATION

284,000 We have one of the fastest growing populations in the country



50% of older people live below the poverty line

21.5% families have a household income less than £15k

HEALTH



77.5 years – life expectancy for a man vs. 79.4 years national average



82.6 years – life expectancy for a woman vs. 83.1 years national average

Serious Mental illness is the fourth highest in London



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015-16

We asked 12 organisations to assess their safeguarding performance. We found a good service was delivered. The Independent Chair also found new opportunities for us to improve the user experience during safeguarding enquiries.

A peer review by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) found our Safeguarding practices were good and that we complied with new obligations set out in the Care Act 2014.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: 885 people were referred for assessment. 613 applications to restrict liberty in the best interest of the adult were authorised. Independent Mental Capacity Assessors enlisted in 227 cases, ensuring that those who lacked capacity and had no next of kin to advocate on their behalf received the best care possible.

SAFEGUARDING ENQUIRIES

Investigations conducted by adult social care teams to establish whether abuse has occurred

521 enquiries were concluded in 2015/16

54% of safeguarding issues occur in the adult's own home

16% safeguarding issues occurred in care homes.



The most common types of abuse investigated were

38% neglect

27% physical abuse

21% financial abuse

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (SAB)

6 key principles of safeguarding:

Empowerment

Prevention

Proportionality

Protection

Partnership

Accountability



91.3%

Research found that the majority of social care users felt safe

PRIORITIES FOR 2016-17

- Improve service user engagement and service user feedback mechanisms for adults involved in the safeguarding process.
- Improve access to safeguarding awareness training for voluntary sector staff.
- A continued focus on adults with learning disabilities being admitted to assessment and treatment units.
- Better partnership working in the collection and analysis of safeguarding data.
- A better understanding of referral patterns especially amongst groups of people, like BME groups, who are under represented in safeguarding referrals.