

Non-Executive Report of the: <b>Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board</b> 19 November 2019	
<b>Report of:</b> Denise Radley – Corporate Director Health, Adults and Communities Directorate	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Title:</b> Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-19	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Shohel Ahmed (Adults Safeguarding Governance and Strategy Manager)
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

### Executive Summary

Every year, the Safeguarding Adults Board publishes an Annual Report to set out progress, achievements and learning over the previous year. The attached Annual Report for 2018-19 was agreed at the 12th September Safeguarding Adults Board.

### Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. To note the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-19

### 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement to publish a Safeguarding Adults Board annual report. 2014 Care Act statutory guidance states that one of the three core duties of a Safeguarding Adults Board is:

“It must publish an annual report 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 and subsequent action”.

- 1.2 The content of the Annual Report was agreed by the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board on the 12th of September 2019.

### 2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The content and format of the Safeguarding Annual Report can be revised in line with feedback received.

### **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

3.1 The Safeguarding Annual Report sets out the progress, achievements and learning over the previous year. It follows the same format of last year's Annual Report, which was well received. It begins with an "infographic" summary of local demographics, achievements, performance and priorities. It goes on to describe:

- Performance data for 2018-19
- Key achievements from partners over the previous year
- Progress against last years' priorities
- Information on Safeguarding Adult Reviews carried out in 2018-19
- Priorities for 2019-20
- Background information on the governance, structure and membership of the Board
- Links to other strategic boards

3.2 Two new sections were added in comparison to last year's report; this includes performance data for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS), as well as information regarding Learning Disability Mortality Reviews (LeDeR).

### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Annual Report includes a detailed analysis of 2018-19 referrals according to gender, ethnic background, age and disability on page 5 and 6. Compared to the borough profile, there is an overrepresentation of women, people over the age of 65, people of a white ethnic background and people with physical support needs. The profile of people being referred is more in line with the profile of adult social care users.

### **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

### **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 The gross expenditure for the administration of the Safeguarding Adults Board in 2018-19 was £144,750. Partner agencies contributed £16,500 towards costs, and the council funded the remaining £128,250. There are no direct financial implications arising from the annual report.

### **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 The Care Act 2014 places the Council's duties in respect of safeguarding adults with care needs who are at risk of abuse or neglect on a statutory basis. 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. As with all of the Council's duties under the Act, the duty to promote wellbeing applies to the Council's safeguarding duties.

7.2 The Care and Support Statutory Guidance sets out further detail in respect of the requirement to publish the SAB strategic plan and annual reports, at paragraphs 14.155-14.161 of the Guidance. The appended annual report complies with those requirements.

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## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- None.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – SAB Annual Report 2018-19

### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)**

#### **List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report**

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None.

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