


<p>Cabinet</p> <p>21 October 2020</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Denise Radley – Corporate Director Health, Adults and Communities Directorate</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019-20</p>	

Lead Member	Cllr Rachel Blake, Cabinet Member for Adults Health and Wellbeing
Originating Officer(s)	Shohel Ahmed (Adults Safeguarding Governance and Strategy Manager)
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	n/a
Reason for Key Decision	n/a
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	A healthy and supportive community

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 2019-20 is presented to Cabinet to note. It has been agreed by the Safeguarding Adults Board and was also presented to the Mayors Advisory Board in October. It will be published on the London Borough of Tower Hamlets website.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019-20

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 action¹".

- 1.2 The content of the Annual Report has been developed and agreed by the executive members of the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board. It was presented and agreed at the Safeguarding Adults Board on the 3rd of September 2020.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

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

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 a foreword from the chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board as well as a foreword from the Lead Member for Adults Health and Wellbeing. It goes on to describe:

- Demographic data in Tower Hamlets
- Safeguarding Performance data for 2019-20
- Key achievements from partners over the previous year
- Progress against last years' priorities
- Information on Safeguarding Adult Reviews carried out in 2019-20
- Priorities for 2020-21
- Impact of COVID-19 on adults safeguarding
- Background information on the governance, structure and membership of the Board
- Links to other strategic boards

- 3.2 One new section was added in comparison to last year's report, namely the impact of COVID-19 on adults safeguarding.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Annual Report includes a detailed analysis of 2019-20 referrals according to gender, ethnic background, age and disability.

5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 5.1. The gross expenditure for the administration of the Safeguarding Adults Board in 2019-20 was £169,500. Partner agencies contributed £84,900 towards costs, and the council funded the remaining £84,570. There are no direct financial implications arising from the annual report.

¹ Section 14.136 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance#safeguarding-1>

6. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 6.1. Section 43 of the Care Act 2014 requires a local authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board. Paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014 requires a Safeguarding Adult Board to publish a report as soon as is feasible after the end of each financial year. The required contents of the report are set out in that paragraph. The Safeguarding Adults Board must send a copy of the report to a number of individuals and bodies, including the Chief Executive and leader of the local authority which established the Board.
- 6.2. The proposals set out in this report comply with the above legislation.
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Appendices

Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019-20

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- NONE

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