


<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <p>10 December 2024</p>	
<p>Report of: Susan Ross – Independent Chair of Safeguarding Adults Board</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Report Title: Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023-24</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	N/A
Wards affected	All wards

Executive Summary

Every year, the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) publishes an Annual Report to set out progress, achievements and learning over the previous year. The attached Annual Report for 2023-24 is presented to Cabinet to note. It is being presented to the Safeguarding Adults Board for agreement and will be published on the council's website.

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023-24
2. Request H&WBB members to support sharing the report with the senior team in their agency/organisation.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is grounded upon 6 principles that matter most to residents of Tower Hamlets. Detail how this report relates to these principles:

<p>1. Resources to support health and wellbeing should go to those who most need it</p>
<p>The Care Act 2014 mandates Safeguarding Adults Boards to guarantee the safety of vulnerable adults and facilitate collaboration among agencies to enhance their well-being. The Act establishes a legal structure that outlines how local authorities, and other organisations should safeguard adults who are vulnerable to abuse or neglect.</p>

<p>2. Feeling connected and included is a foundation of wellbeing and the importance of this should be built into services and programme</p>
<p>Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and the Board has a role to play in assuring our community that 'adults at risk' are safeguarded from abuse or neglect. The Board continues to work with partners to embed the requirements of the overarching Care Act to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assure that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Act • Prevent abuse and neglect where possible • Provide timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect is likely or has occurred.
<p>3. Being treated equally, respectfully and without discrimination should be the norm when using services</p>
<p>The SAB addresses various issues that contribute to the prevention of abuse and neglect, including patient safety in local health services, the quality of local care and support services, the effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders and approved premises, and the awareness and responsiveness of further education services.</p>
<p>4. Health and wellbeing information and advice should be clear, simple, and produced with those who will benefit from them</p>
<p>The SAB facilitates the implementation of safeguarding protocols, procedures, and training sessions, conferences, collaborating with partners to ensure the dissemination of information in an accessible manner.</p>
<p>5. People should feel that they have equal power in shaping and designing services and programme that impact on their health and wellbeing</p>
<p>The SAB is made up of representatives from a wide range of organisations and services across the local multi-agency safeguarding partnership.</p>
<p>6. We should all be working together to make the best use of the assets we already have that support people's health and wellbeing</p>
<p>The SAB depends on contributions from its partners, such as the Local Authority, Police, and NHS to achieve its objectives. It ensures that the Board promotes collaborative efforts, facilitates effective safeguarding across the borough, and maintains consistency among partner members.</p>

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1. No decision is needed for this report.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1. There are no alternative options.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

3.1. It is a statutory requirement to publish a Safeguarding Adults Board annual report. The 2014 Care Act statutory guidance states that one of the three core duties of a Safeguarding Adults Board is: "*[to] 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*".

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1. This report outlines important work which is being done to safeguard vulnerable adults and families in Tower Hamlets. It is important that there is senior oversight and scrutiny of this work to minimise disproportionality on vulnerable and protected groups.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

1.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1. N/A

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1. N/A

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices

- N/A

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

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

- None

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