

Committee/Meeting: Cabinet	Date: 9 October 2013	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No: CAB 038/134
Report of: Corporate Director Education, Social Care and Wellbeing - Adult Social Care Originating officer(s): Melba Gomes Safeguarding Adults and MCA Co- ordinator		Title: Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report Wards Affected: All	

Lead Member	Councillor Asad
Community Plan Theme	A safe and supportive community
Strategic Priority	To inform the public as to how Adult residents of Tower Hamlets are safeguarded, how we safeguard adults and enable positive risk

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board publishes a report about its work, and work carried out in relation to Safeguarding Adults in Tower Hamlets, annually.

2. **DECISIONS REQUIRED**

Cabinet is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Approve the publication of the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

3. **REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 3.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board seeks to be transparent and wishes to place this report in the public domain

4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The Council might not agree with publication, but that would raise significant issues in relation to transparency and the independence of the Board.

5. BACKGROUND

- 5.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board publishes a report about its work, and work carried out in relation to Safeguarding Adults in Tower Hamlets, annually

6. BODY OF REPORT

- 6.1 This report outlines what has been happening in Tower Hamlets in relation to Safeguarding Adults and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and related work carried out by partners. It consists of information about accomplishments during the past year and plans for the future. It provides data that highlights how the service has performed

7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 7.1 The work of the Safeguarding Adults Board is supported by the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Team and the Adult Protection team.
- 7.2 During 2012/13 total expenditure on the MCA team was £114k, £75k funded through Council budgets and the remaining £39k through health contributions. Expenditure on the Adult Protection Team was £166k, all of which was funded through Council budgets.
- 7.3 This report is an annual update on the performance of the Safeguarding Adults Board and there are no additional financial commitments arising from the contents of this report.

8. CONCURRENT REPORT OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 8.1 The Council is not presently subject to a stand-alone statutory obligation to safeguard vulnerable adults, nor is it required to establish a safeguarding adults board. The Government published the Care Bill in May 2013, which proposes to place safeguarding adults boards on a statutory basis, similar to that of local safeguarding children boards. Until such time as the Care Bill becomes law, the Council is proceeding on a non-statutory basis as regards the work of its safeguarding adults board. Having regard to the statutory functions the Council has in relation to vulnerable adults, the Council will have safeguarding obligations and it is consistent with good administration for the Council to support a safeguarding adults board and to receive reports on its work.
- 8.2 The Council has safeguarding obligations in relation to adults which arise in the discharge of its statutory functions. The Council is required by section 47 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act to carry out needs assessments of people to whom it may provide community care services (under specified legislation) and who appear to be in need of such services. After assessment, the Council must decide whether the identified needs call for the provision of community care services. The Council has additional social services functions in relation to adults as described in the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.

8.3 When considering the work of the safeguarding adults board, the Council 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.

9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

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10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

10.1 N/A

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

11.1 N/A

12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 N/A

13. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

13.1 N/A

14. APPENDICES

14.1 Appendix 1 – Safeguarding Adults Annual Report

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

Brief description of “background papers” Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.

None **N/A**