


Cabinet	 TOWER HAMLETS
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Report of: Denise Radley – Corporate Director Health, Adults and Community Directorate	Classification: Unrestricted
Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017-18	

Lead Member	Cllr Denise Jones, Cabinet Member for Adults Health and Wellbeing
Originating Officer(s)	Joanne Starkie (Head of Strategy and Policy – Health, Adults and Communities)
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	n/a
Reason for Key Decision	n/a
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	Priority 1: People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities

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 2017-18 is presented to MAB for sign-off. It will then proceed to Cabinet in late October. Once agreed, the Annual Report will be published on the council website and promoted as part of National Safeguarding Week in November 2018.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Agree the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017-18

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 Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board.

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 begins with an “infographic” summary of activity, performance and priorities. It goes on to describe:
- Local demographics in order to provide context and background
 - Performance data for 2017-18
 - Key achievements from partners over the previous year
 - Progress against last years’ priorities
 - Information on Safeguarding Adult Reviews carried out in 2017-18
 - Priorities for 2018-19
 - Background information on the structure and membership of the Board.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Annual Report includes a detailed analysis of 2017-18 referrals according to gender, ethnic background, age and disability on page 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.

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

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Safeguarding has an important interface with crime and disorder. Effective safeguarding means that vulnerable adults are safe from harm caused by crime, for example abuse, violence, radicalisation and exploitation. The report sets out the partnership links with that of the Community Safety Partnership.
- 5.2 The Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board escalates risks causing serious partnership concern or interagency working difficulties to the chief executive or senior officer of the relevant agency.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 The gross expenditure budget for the administration of the Safeguarding Adults Board in 2017-18 was £51k. 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 2017-18 annual report complies with those requirements.

Appendices

Appendix I: Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017-18

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

- NONE

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