



Safeguarding Adults Board

Making Safeguarding Personal



Annual Report 2017-18

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



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KEEPING ADULTS SAFE IN TOWER HAMLETS 2017-18

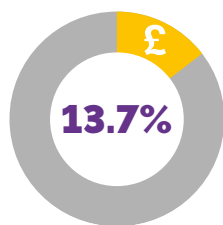
The SAB is a multi-agency board that oversees safeguarding arrangements for adults in the borough.



POPULATION

304,900

We have the fastest growing population in the country



49.7% of older people live below the poverty line

13.7% of families have a household income of less than £15K

HEALTH



78.1 years – life expectancy for a man versus 79.6 years national average



82.5 years – life expectancy for a woman versus 83.2 years national average



Severe mental illness is the **fifth** highest in London

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017-18

A Keeping Safe in Tower Hamlets event for people with a learning disability in July 2017 raised awareness of safeguarding.

More than 80,000 households in London had a Home Fire Safety visit – a key way of protecting vulnerable people safe from the risk of fire.

63.5% of adult social care users said in February 2018 that they felt as safe as they wanted to, compared to 63% the year before.

New processes have been put in place to hear the views and experiences of people experiencing a safeguarding investigation.

SAFEGUARDING ENQUIRIES

699 safeguarding enquiries were conducted by adult social care teams to establish whether abuse has occurred

In **62%** of cases risks to the person were reduced and in **30%** of cases the risk was completely removed

61% of safeguarding issues occur in the adult's own home

13% of safeguarding issues occurred in care homes



The most common types of abuse investigated were:

32% neglect

22% financial abuse

18% physical abuse

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Making Safeguarding Personal



6 key principles of safeguarding:

Empowerment

Prevention

Proportionality

Protection

Partnership

Accountability

“Going through the safeguarding process has made me feel stronger and I know now that I am not as vulnerable as people make me out to be.”

Safeguarding adults is everyone's responsibility

PRIORITIES FOR 2018-19

We will focus awareness-raising activity on financial scamming and modern slavery.

We will learn from Safeguarding Adult Reviews at a national and regional level to understand local implications.

Minimise repeat safeguarding issues.

We will learn from health reviews (LeDeRs) in relation to the death of individuals with a learning disability.

We will continue to focus on making safeguarding personal.

We will continue to ensure effective holding to account of agencies.

Foreword Independent Chair Christabel Shawcross



I am pleased to present the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Report for 2017-2018 to set out our achievements and what more needs to be done. We succeeded in achieving a number of ambitions over the last year. We raised awareness of under-reported hate crime in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership. A highly successful 'Keeping Safe' event for more than 70 people with learning disabilities took place in summer 2017, learning in an interactive way how to keep safe and report abuse.

A learning event organised by our lead GP, was attended by over 100 health and social care staff, focusing on self-neglect and hoarding, modern slavery and human trafficking. The feedback from frontline staff

was really positive, and it was clear that staff want more learning on these issues. This is a key priority for us in 2018, and across the partnership staff training on safeguarding remains a high priority.

Adult social care undertook qualitative audits last year. From this, they recognised the need to deepen understanding of Making Safeguarding Personal across all agencies, and a learning workshop on this issue was subsequently held for the Board. Our performance dashboard was improved this year, although changes in key personnel meant this happened later than we would have liked.

A key challenge for Safeguarding Adult Boards is to consider when multi-agency work appears not to be working. The Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARS) we commissioned over the last year look at the unexpected deaths of those with learning disabilities, financial abuse, and cases where people have taken their own lives. At a regional level, the Board learnt from the London Review of SARS. Many reflect local learning on the sharing of information, mental capacity assessments, professional

curiosity and tenacity. In recognition of the highly challenging environment for staff and communities, a community multi-agency High Risk Panel has been formed in adult social to prevent escalation of safeguarding risks.

A key concern for SABs in ensuring residents are safeguarded is the commissioning of local services. The new commissioning of domiciliary care in Tower Hamlets is intended to improve quality and will be a priority in 2018 for the Board to review. Tower Hamlets has a small number of care homes: The Board was pleased to have one rated 'excellent' by the Care Quality Commission. Another was rated inadequate, and good work was done with the provider to improve this.

A priority for this year will be to focus more on preventing abuse, as well as ensuring protection is proportionate and appropriate. We want to be ambitious and will be ensuring multi-agency approaches are promoted to ensure frontline staff are equipped to respond and reduce abuse.

If you are concerned about an adult being abused or neglected, call the safeguarding adults hotline on 020 7364 6085.

Joint foreword by Mayor of Tower Hamlets, John Biggs and Councillor Denise Jones, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services



We are pleased to endorse the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2017-18. The report reflects the ongoing commitment of partner agencies and the staff within them to prevent adult abuse and neglect as much as possible, and to tackle it swiftly and effectively when it occurs.

This report describes the activity and achievements of the Safeguarding Adults Board over the previous year. The achievements are presented under our six main priorities for safeguarding: Empowerment, prevention, protection, partnership and accountability. Much has been done under these areas. For example, under “prevention”, a focus on the experience of people with a learning

disability led to a successful awareness-raising event attended by over 70 people and a significant increase in the number of people with a learning disability getting annual health checks. Under “protection”, new multi-disciplinary panels have been set up in adult social care to look at high-risk safeguarding cases. This work will continue to be developed going forward, and Safeguarding Adult Board priorities for the coming year will continue to focus on empowerment, prevention, protection, partnership and accountability.

This Annual Report also sets out the Safeguarding Adult Review activity carried out over 2017-18. These reviews are to ensure lessons are learned in cases where

an adult has died or experienced significant harm or neglect. Over 2017-18, five of these reviews started or were ongoing and one was published. You can find published reviews [here](#), or by searching “Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adult Review”.

The final part of this Annual Report sets out the structure of the Safeguarding Adults Board, setting out how the work is done and how the Board fits into the wider strategic picture in the borough. This vital area of work continues to be a priority for services in Tower Hamlets, and I hope you enjoy reading about how this commitment has been put into practice over the last year.

Local Demographics

The estimated resident population of Tower Hamlets is

304,900



Over recent years, the borough has seen some of the fastest population growth in the country.

Tower Hamlets is the **10th most deprived** borough in the country.



Lowest disability-free life expectancy rates in London



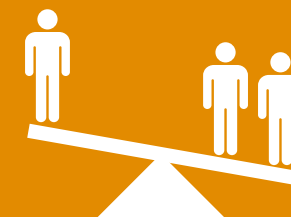
The profile of the borough is one of increasing diversity, with



43% of the population born outside of the UK.

There are sizeable Bangladeshi (**32%**) and White British communities (**31%**) and an increasing number of smaller ethnic groups in the resident population.

Reducing inequalities in health and wellbeing experienced by many Tower Hamlets residents is one of the biggest challenges facing the borough. Although life expectancy has risen over the last decade, it continues to be lower than the London and national averages, and significant health inequalities persist.



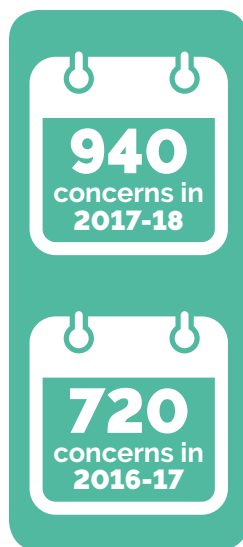
Safeguarding adults performance data

This section of the report presents information for 2017-18 in relation to safeguarding adults. It gives an overview of the number of safeguarding concerns that have been received, and the number and type of enquiries (i.e. investigations) that have been concluded. The council, in its lead role for safeguarding, has an overview of all safeguarding concerns received within the area. As such, data from the council's system has been used to inform this section.

Number of safeguarding concerns

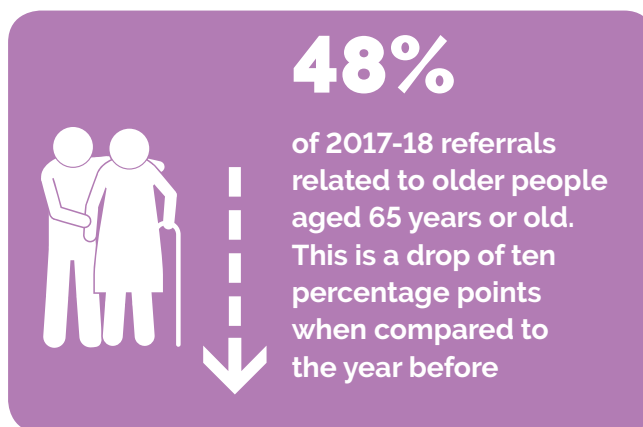
In 2017-18, 940 concerns were recorded in Tower Hamlets.

- This represents a 31% per cent increase on the number of concerns received the year before.
- Whilst this increase may appear to be negative, we think it reflects an increased awareness of adult abuse and neglect amongst residents and staff. The figure is also likely to be impacted by the high rate of population growth in the borough.



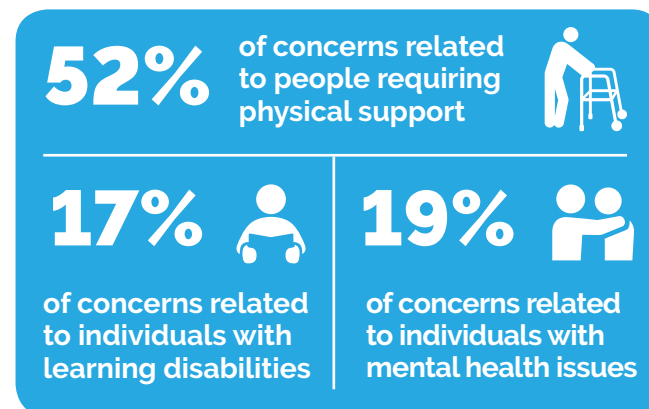
are female is 48%, suggesting an over representation of women in referrals.

- 48% of 2017-18 referrals related to older people aged 65 years or old. This is a drop of ten percentage points when compared to the year before, and it is different to the age profile of adult social care users, 62% of whom are over 65.



the overall profile of the borough (45% 'white' in the last Census). However, the proportion of people from a 'white' ethnic background is higher for residents aged 65 years or older, and as previously noted, a significant proportion of safeguarding referrals come from this group.

- 52% of 2017-18 safeguarding concerns related to people who need physical support, down from 59% last year. 17% related to people with a learning disability, which is similar to last year. 19% related to individuals with a mental health issue – up from 13% last year.



Who is being referred?

- 55% of 2017-18 referrals related to women, which is up three percentage points from last year. The proportion of the borough's adult population who
- 54% of 2017-18 referrals related to people from a 'white' ethnic background, which is in line with previous years. This figure is higher when compared against

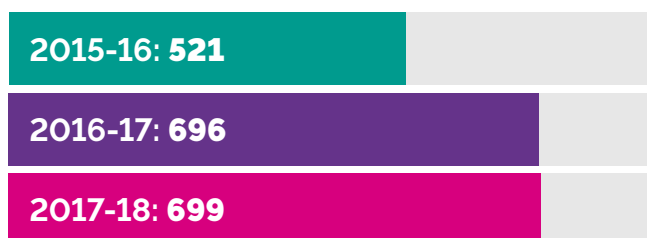
Safeguarding adults performance data

Safeguarding adults enquiries

Safeguarding adults enquiries are concerns received that have proceeded to a safeguarding investigation.

699 safeguarding adults enquiries were undertaken and concluded in 2017-18; similar to the figure of 696 the year before.

Number of safeguarding enquiries



Where the abuse takes place

Based on concluded safeguarding investigations, the majority of safeguarding issues take place in the alleged victim's own home. The figure is 61% in Tower Hamlets – up from 58% last year and 54% the year before. 13% of enquiries related to people in care homes, which is similar to previous years. The low proportion of enquiries from care homes has historically been much lower than the national average, which we think reflects the small number of homes in the borough.

Types of abuse

Neglect was the largest single type of abuse investigated in Tower Hamlets in 2017-18 at 32%. Whilst this marks a decrease of 4 percentage points compared to last year, it is worth noting that self-neglect has increased this year from 3% to 7%. Financial abuse accounted for 22% of investigations, up from 20% last year. Physical abuse accounted for 18%, down from 20% last year.



Safeguarding inquiries outcomes - managing risk

Safeguarding can be a complex process with a number of factors that will render a person or situation being at risk. Where risk cannot be completely removed, strategies are in place to monitor and inform the individual of what services are available to support them

In 63% of safeguarding enquiries the risk to the individual was reduced. In 28% of cases it was removed. It remained in 8% of cases. These figures are similar to last year.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards performance data

The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards is an amendment to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (amended in 2007). The Mental Capacity Act allows restraint and restrictions to be used but only if they are in a person's best interests and they lack capacity to make decisions about their care or treatment. The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) can only be used if the person will be deprived of their liberty in a care home or hospital. In other settings the Court of Protection can authorise a deprivation of liberty.

We think the closure of a service in the borough had a short-term impact on DoLS activity last year. This year, we are putting a particular focus on community-based DoLS as we know that this area requires attention.

	2017/18	2016/17
Total DoLS requests received	*741	**1076
DoLS Authorised	191	660
DoLS Not Authorised	40	106
DoLS Withdrawn	341	247

* there were 610 applications from individuals

** this figure includes 63 DoLS cases pending authorisation

Funding arrangements for SAB

Funding of Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board is received both in monetary terms and in kind. It is acknowledged that every organisation faces financial challenges each year; therefore it is with appreciation that partner members give their time and resources to support the functioning of the board.

The following table sets out the budget for 2017/18.

	Staffing	£37,000
	Safeguarding adult reviews	£14,000
	Total	£51,000

	Contributions from partner agencies	£12,800
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Training - Adults Safeguarding

Tower Hamlets provides a range of safeguarding adults training for staff at all levels. It ranges from basic awareness-raising training to training for managers of staff undertaking investigations. Bespoke training is provided on topics including domestic abuse, hoarding, human trafficking and female genital mutilation. Partner agencies also provide a range of training for their staff.

Safeguarding adults basic awareness e-learning is a web based training portal and is available to all Tower Hamlets staff and those working in the private, independent sectors, carers and volunteers working with adults. Training is provided free of cost to the recipient.

“A high number of safeguarding concerns relate to adult social care users. In a survey carried out in February 2018, 63.5% of respondents said they felt as safe as they wanted to, compared to 63% the year before. 86% said that care and support helps them to feel safe.”

“The service user found that the discussion and actions agreed at the safeguarding planning meeting made her feel as though that other people cared and she now knew where she could get help from.”



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Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board Achievements over 2017-18

The priorities for 2017-18 came from the SAB annual workshop in May 2017 where partner agencies agreed the priorities for the forthcoming year. Each priority was built into the business plan relating to the six principles of safeguarding. The importance of supporting people in a personalised way runs throughout these principles. This is monitored by SAB and work undertaken via the sub groups. Each partner agency has worked to ensure their organisation continues to provide a service and that the workforce receives safeguarding training and understand how to recognise abuse respond to it. Here is a summary of work carried out.

EMPOWERMENT

Our Goals

People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and give informed consent.

Outcomes for Adults in Tower Hamlets

"I am asked what I want as the outcomes from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens."

What we achieved

East London NHS Foundation Trust: "We have developed 'Making Safeguarding Personal' evaluation forms with service users, for service users"

Providence Row Housing Association: "We have recruited peer mentors, and have included safeguarding within their role"

Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group: "We have explored the issue of empowerment with health colleagues, following recent work on a serious incident"

National Probation Service: "We are piloting new tools for working with adults with a learning disability"

Adult Social Care: "We are looking at person-centred working and use of advocates as areas for development, following an audit of safeguarding cases"

Metropolitan Police: "We have reinforced the expectation that officers take the wishes of vulnerable victims into account in training. We have carried out a survey to understand gaps in knowledge"

PREVENTION

Our Goals

It is better to take action before harm occurs.

Outcomes for Adults in Tower Hamlets

"I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help."

What we achieved

Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group and primary care: "The proportion of adults with a learning disability having an annual health check has increased from 36% to 74%"

Toynbee Hall: "68 of our 70 staff and 40 volunteers have undertaken safeguarding training. We delivered 19 safeguarding awareness training sessions to around 200 attendees"

East London NHS Foundation Trust: "Over 90% of our staff have attended "level 1" safeguarding training, and over 80% have attended basic Prevent training"

National Probation Service: "There is mandatory safeguarding e-learning which all staff are expected to attend and classroom training for practitioners and first line managers."

London Fire Brigade: "We have an agreed Memorandum of Understanding between ourselves and the council to develop preventative work. We carry out more than 80,000 Home Fire Safety Visits across London each year. We have developed a safeguarding training package for all personnel"

Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board Achievements over 2017-2018

PROPORTIONALITY

Our Goals

The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

Outcomes for Adults in Tower Hamlets

"I am sure that professionals will work in my best interests as I see them, and professionals will only get involved as much as needed."

What we achieved

East London NHS Foundation Trust: "We have developed evaluation forms for service users, which will enable the service to respond to people's experience of the safeguarding process"

Providence Row Housing Association: "We have embedded our programme of person-centred support and care planning"

National Probation Service: "We are developing a new safeguarding action plan and are reviewing our policy, practice guidance and process map"

East London NHS Foundation Trust: "We have revised our Safeguarding Adults Policy in line with the 2014 Care Act and Pan-London procedures"

London Fire Brigade: "We have reviewed our internal safeguarding policy and updated this in line with the Care Act and Pan-London procedures"

PROTECTION

Our Goals

Support and representation for those in greatest need.

Outcomes for Adults in Tower Hamlets

"I get help and support to report abuse and neglect. I get help so that I am able to take part in the safeguarding process to the extent to which I want."

What we achieved

Adult Social Care: "We have started a High Risk Transition Panel and a High Risk Panel to consider and support agencies to manage risk when service users are transitioning between services, and when there is a high-risk safeguarding case"

East London NHS Foundation Trust: "Safeguarding is always part of staff monthly supervision discussions. Our Director produces quarterly reports on safeguarding concerns and reviews"

Providence Row Housing Association: "We have expanded the membership of our staff 'Safeguarding Good Practice' group: we have included the Peer Mentoring Coordinator, who is a former service user, and plan to include service users within the group"

National Probation Service: "We are producing a new risk register"

Metropolitan Police: "Tower Hamlets Police now host a dedicated Domestic Violence Protection Order case worker who provides support to vulnerable victims and helps officers in obtaining these orders against perpetrators"

Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board Achievements over 2017-2018

PARTNERSHIP

Our Goals

Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

Outcomes for Adults in Tower Hamlets

"I am confident that professionals will work together, with me and my network, to get the best result for me. I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary."

What we achieved

London Fire Brigade: "As a result of a recommendation from a Safeguarding Adult Review the Brigade are delivering a project with London Ambulance Service to provide home fire safety visits to high risk hoarders"

Toynbee Hall: "We have delivered four safeguarding training sessions to partner organisations"

Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group: "The newly appointed a Joint Senior Strategic Safeguarding Adults sits on a number of multi-disciplinary groups, enabling better partnership working"

Providence Row Housing Association: "We took part in an event with housing providers to understand how we compared and share best practice"

Metropolitan Police: "We maintained our commitment to the One Stop Shop at Whitechapel Idea Store where members of the public can raise concerns about domestic abuse and get guidance in confidence"

ACCOUNTABILITY

Our Goals

Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.

Outcomes for Adults in Tower Hamlets

"I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they."

What we achieved

Adult Social Care: "We have carried out a programme of in-depth qualitative auditing of safeguarding cases and audited work around Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. Learning from these audits is being taken forward"

London Fire Brigade: "Safeguarding concerns are audited by our safeguarding lead on a daily basis. The Brigade has undertaken a two-part safeguarding auditing process by MOPAC"

Providence Row Housing Association: "We completed our own internal audit of safeguarding. We are an active member of the London-wide Housing Care and Support Group in safeguarding"

Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group: "We hold bi-monthly Safeguarding Adults Committee meetings to provide assurance that the CCG has discharged its statutory duty to safeguard adults across commissioned health services"

East London Foundation Trust: "We commissioned an independent review of safeguarding services. The review highlighted the need to provide additional resource for the service. The findings are now being considered and taken forward"

Metropolitan Police: "We have developed a safeguarding dashboard and have a central auditing framework"

EMPOWERMENT PREVENTION PROPORTIONALITY PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY

Summary of achievements by the Safeguarding Adults Board and partner agencies

Last year's priorities

What we have done

Professionals to take a person centred and holistic approach to safeguarding

We provided training to staff and have better understood our approach through auditing and service user feedback

Ensure there is advocacy for people who lack mental capacity or have difficulty in decision-making

Advocacy was provided by an advocate, friend or family member in 95% of investigations where a person lacked mental capacity

Minimise repeat safeguarding issues

183 people had a repeat safeguarding concern in 2017-18, which represents 19.1% of all individuals - similar to the year before

Carry out robust risk assessments involving adults, their families and carers

Starting in adult social care, we are revamping forms so that risk is documented at the start of the process

Improve data analysis to measure outcomes

Performance information is received from key agencies and will continue to be developed

Increase engagement with adults

A successful Keeping Safe event to engage with adults with a learning disability took place in July 2017

Effectively hold agencies to account

The Board has sought and gained assurance that there are robust systems in place to monitor the quality of home care and care homes

Safeguarding Adults Review

Section 44 of the Care Act 2014 places a duty on Safeguarding Adults Boards to arrange a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR), in cases where an adult has died or experienced significant harm or neglect.

Over 2017-18, five SARs started or were ongoing and one SAR was published.

On conclusion of the SAR, an action plan will be drawn up to ensure the recommendations of the findings are implemented.

The executive summary of each SAR will be available on the council webpage and a full report is available on request from the Safeguarding Adults Board Coordinator.

The purpose of the SAR is to:

- Establish what lessons are to be learnt from a particular case in which professionals and organisations work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults at risk.
- Identify what is expected to change as a result, to improve practice.
- Improve intra-agency working to better safeguard adults at risk.
- Review the effectiveness of procedures, both multi-agency and those of individual organisations.

In 2017-18, one Safeguarding Adult Review was published

The Safeguarding Adults Board completed a review of Mrs Q in July 2017. The review investigated the events leading to Mrs Q being left without personal care services for several days. The review found that if there had been better communication between agencies, this would not have occurred. Working practices and operational procedures of key staff were reviewed as a result and in-depth learning events took place. Recommendations were agreed and are being put into place. The review and findings were also described in last year's Annual Report, and full details of the SAR can be found on our website using the following link or by searching "Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adult Review":

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/health_social_care/safeguarding_adults/Safeguarding_Adults_Review.aspx

In 2017-18, five Safeguarding Adults Reviews commenced or were ongoing

Two of these involve people taking their own lives. Two of these relate to the unexpected death of individuals with a learning disability. The fifth involves financial abuse of an individual with a learning disability. These Safeguarding Adults Reviews have been or are expected to be completed and published in 2018-19.

To view the current set of published Safeguarding Adult Reviews, please visit our website by using the following link or by searching "Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adult Review":

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/health_social_care/safeguarding_adults/Safeguarding_Adults_Review.aspx

Our Priorities for 2018-19

Our priorities over 2017-18 reflect the priorities in our 2015-19 strategy. As we approach 2019 we will start work on our next Safeguarding Adults Strategy, focusing in on what our priorities need to be to prevent and tackle adult abuse over the next five years.



Other areas for development and implementation

We will continue to monitor and act on any emerging areas of concern, including financial scamming, modern slavery and other forms of exploitation. We will also continue to focus on areas that require attention, such as ensuring that staff are taking a person-centred and personalised approach to safeguarding.

Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board Governance and Accountability arrangements

The Care Act 2014, requires all local authorities to set up a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) with other statutory partners: the Police and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board continues to work with partners to embed the requirements of the overarching Care Act to:

- 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.

The legal framework for the Care Act 2014 is supported by statutory guidance which provides information and guidance on how the Care Act works in practice. The guidance has statutory status which means there is a legal duty to have regard to it when working with adults with care and support needs and carers.

The SAB takes the lead for adult safeguarding across Tower Hamlets to oversee and co-ordinate the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its members and partner organisations.

The SAB concerns itself with a range of matters which can contribute to the prevention of abuse and neglect such as:

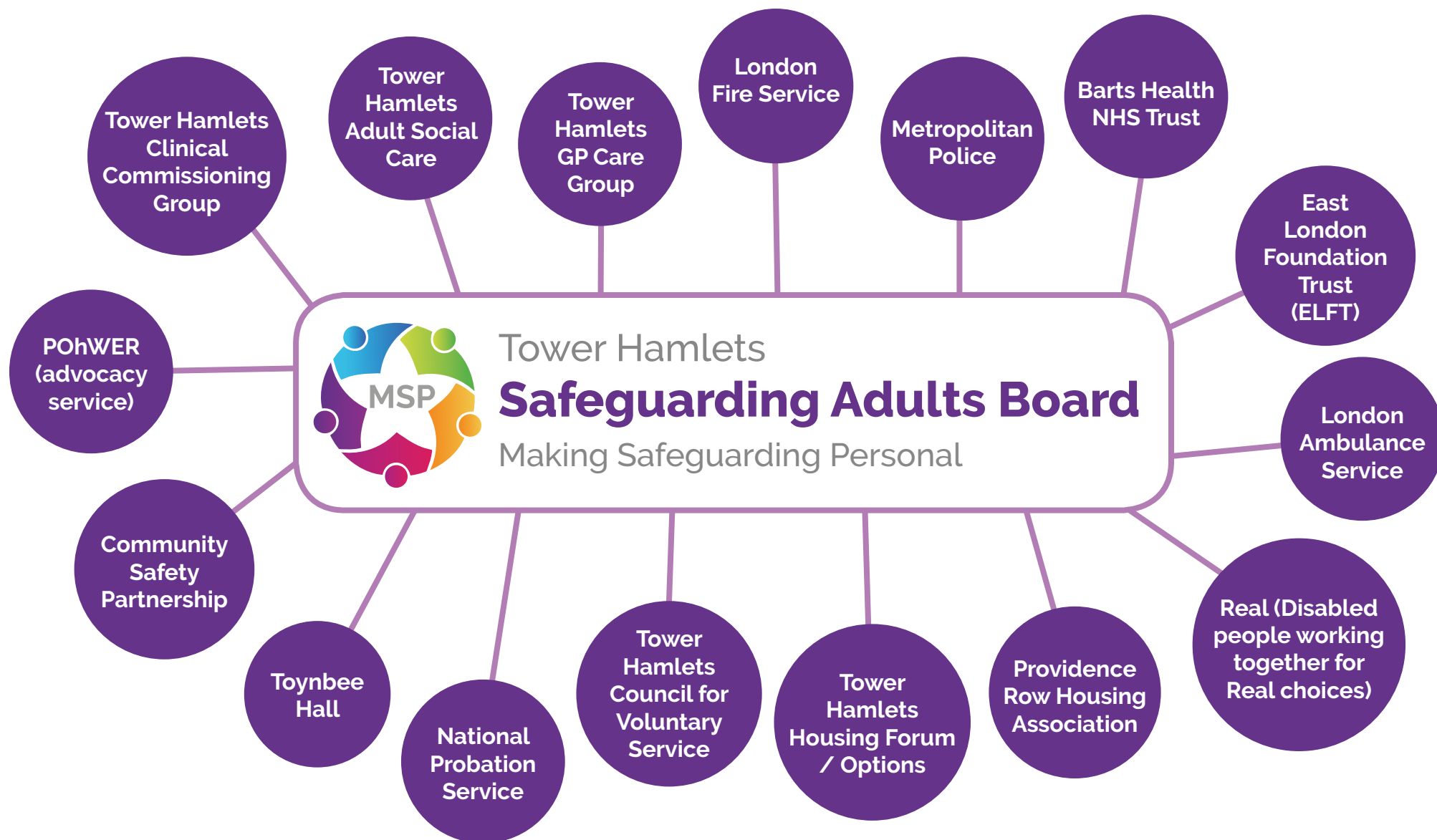
- Safety of patients in local health services
- Quality of local care and support services
- Effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders and approved premises
- Awareness and responsiveness of further education services

Safeguarding Adults Boards have three core duties, they must:

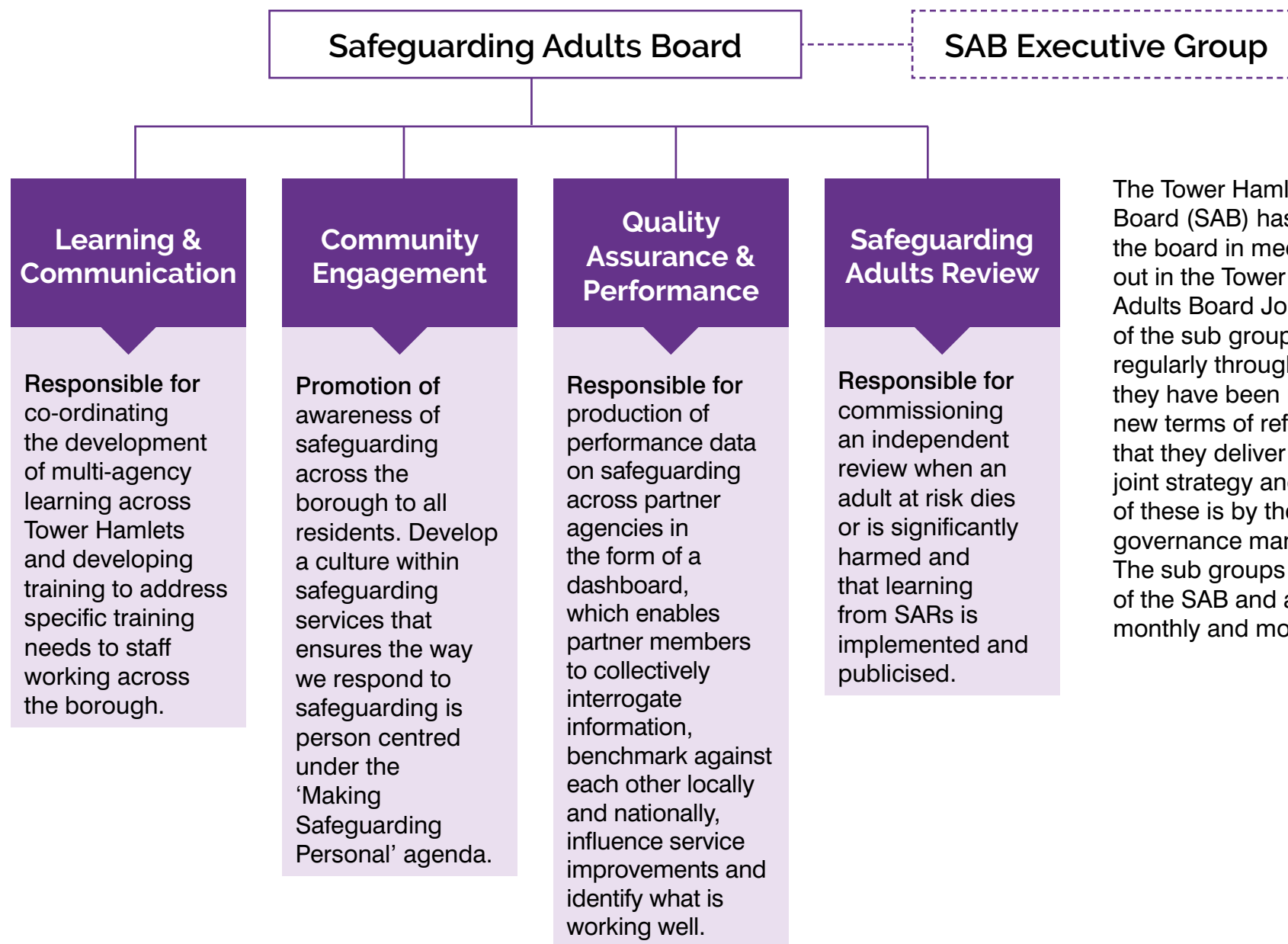
- Develop and publish an Annual Strategic Plan setting out how they will meet their strategic objectives and how their members and partner agencies will contribute.
- Publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been.
- Arrange safeguarding audit reviews for any cases which meet the criteria for such enquires, detailing the findings of any safeguarding adult review and subsequent action, (in accordance with Section 44 of the Act).



Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board partner members



Safeguarding Adults Board Structure



The Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) has four sub groups that assist the board in meeting its obligations as set out in the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board Joint Strategy 2015-19. Some of the sub groups have not been held regularly throughout the year, and as a result they have been revised and redesigned with new terms of reference with the expectation that they deliver specific key aspects of the joint strategy and business plan. Monitoring of these is by the joint strategy and governance manager who reports to the SAB. The sub groups are chaired by members of the SAB and are expected to meet bi-monthly and more frequently where required.

These are the strategic boards linked to the Safeguarding Adults Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board

Having a Health and Wellbeing Board is a statutory requirement for local authorities. The board brings together the NHS, the local authority and Health Watch to jointly plan how best to meet local health and care needs, to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population, reduce health inequalities and commission services accordingly.

Local Safeguarding Children Board

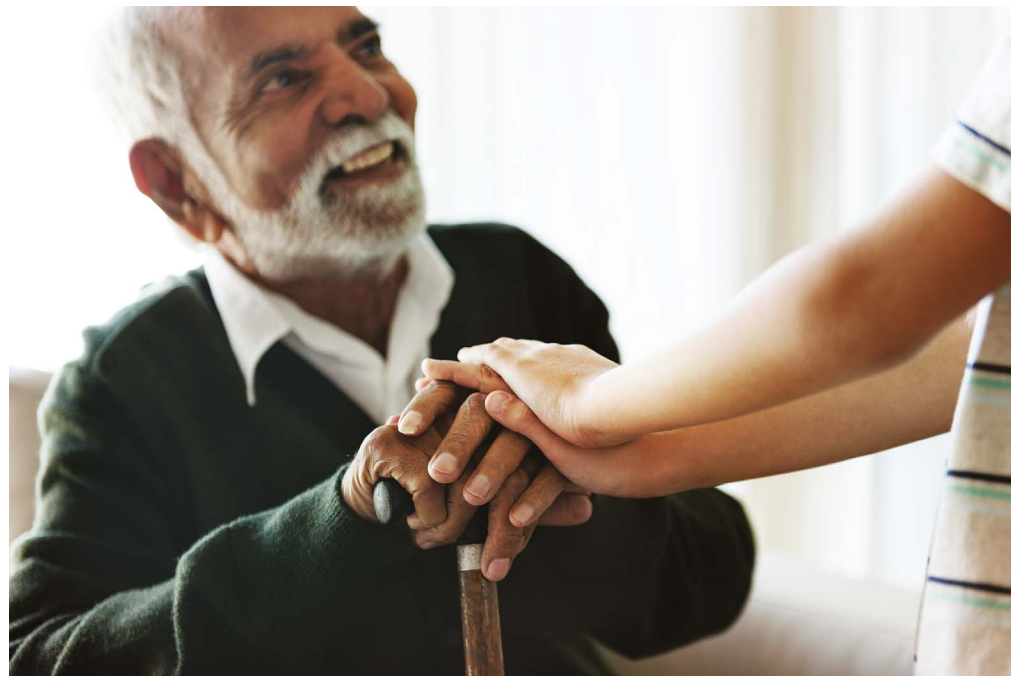
The Local Safeguarding Children Board is a statutory requirement set out in the Children's Act 2004 which gives duties to ensure that all agencies work together for the welfare of children. There has been more focus on the two boards to work more closely together and this has resulted in shared areas being developed to improve responses to both children and adults safeguarding.

Community Safety Partnership Board

The Community Safety Partnership Board is required by law to conduct and consult on an annual strategic assessment of crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and re-offending within the borough and the findings are then used to produce the partnership's Community Safety Plan.

Learning Disability Partnership Board Mental Health Partnership Board

These two boards lead on work to drive strategic improvements for adults with a learning disability or mental health issue in Tower Hamlets. The views and experiences of adults with a learning disability or mental health issue are fed into the work of the board.



Prevent Board

The Prevent Board is a multi-agency board that meets regularly to work together to prevent and respond to radicalisation. The Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015 places a legal duty on NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts to consider the Prevent Strategy when delivering their services. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 contains a duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This is also known as the Prevent duty.