


Cabinet 28 July 2021	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Denise Radley – Corporate Director Health, Adults and Communities Directorate	Classification: Unrestricted
Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020-21	

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	This report has been evaluated as not meeting the key decision criteria
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 2020-21 is presented to Cabinet to note. It is being presented to the Safeguarding Adults Board in July for agreement and will be published on the London Borough of Tower Hamlets website.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020-21 following its agreement at the July Safeguarding Adults Board meeting.

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.

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 a similar format to last year's 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:
2. Demographic data in Tower Hamlets
 3. The impact of the pandemic on safeguarding
 4. Safeguarding performance data for 2020-21
 5. Funding arrangements for the Safeguarding Adults Board
 6. Key achievements from partners over the previous year
 7. Progress against last year's priorities
 8. Information on Safeguarding Adult Reviews carried out in 2020-21
 9. Information on Learning Disability Mortality Reviews
 10. Priorities for 2020-21
 11. Background information on the governance, structure and membership of the Board
 12. Links to other strategic boards.
 13. Glossary
 14. What to do if you are concerned about an adult

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Annual Report includes a detailed analysis of 2020-21 referrals according to gender, ethnic background, age and disability.

5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation in this 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 each local authority to set up a Safeguarding Adults Board for its area. Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014 sets out the requirement for each Safeguarding Adults Board to publish an annual report, what the contents of that report must include, and which people or bodies must receive a copy.
- 6.2 The statutory guidance 'Care and support statutory guidance' sets out the requirements for Safeguarding Adults Boards, including the publication of annual reports.
- 6.3 The matters set out in this report comply with the above legislation and guidance.
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Appendices

Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020-21

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

- NONE

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