

Cabinet 25 October 2023	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Denise Radley – Corporate Director Health & Adult Social Care & Deputy Chief Executive	Classification: Unrestricted
Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23	

Lead Member	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury - Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
Originating Officer(s)	Ranjit Matharu – Strategic Boards Manager
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Reason for Key Decision	This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria.
Forward Plan Notice Published	7 th June 2023
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	Investing in Public Services

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 2022-23 is presented to Cabinet to note. It has been presented to the Safeguarding Adults Board for agreement and will be published on the Council's website

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

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 There are no alternative options given that the Safeguarding Adults Board must publish an annual report.

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 and describes:

- Background to the Safeguarding Adults Board
- Demographic data in Tower Hamlets
- Safeguarding performance data for 2022-23
- Funding arrangements for the Safeguarding Adults Board
- Learning and Development
- Key achievements from partners over the previous year
- Progress against last year’s priorities
- Our plans for 2023-24
- Background information on the governance, structure and membership of the Board
- Links to other strategic boards.
- Glossary
- What to do if you are concerned about an adult

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Annual Report includes analysis of 2022-23 referrals according to gender, ethnic background, age and disability

5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 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.

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

5.2 No other statutory implications have been identified. The focus of this report is safeguarding and reducing the risk of abuse and neglect of vulnerable people.

6 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 The gross expenditure for the administration of the Safeguarding Adults Board in 2022-23 was £188,876. Partner agencies contributed £84,900 (including a late payment received from NHS North East London CCG of £10,000 that related to the 2021-22 contribution). The Local Authority contributed to the balance of the costs remaining at £103,976.

6.2 There are no direct financial implications arising from the annual report.

7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 Section 43 of the Care Act 2014 requires each Local Authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) in its area, the purpose of which is to help and protect adults in its area who have needs for care and support, is experiencing or at risk of experiencing abuse or neglect, and as a result of those needs is unable to protect themselves against the abuse or neglect or risk of it. The Statutory Guidance sets out that the main objective of a SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area who meet the above criteria.

7.2 This report is in compliance with the statutory requirement of the SAB to publish an annual report after the end of financial year which must clearly state what both the SAB and its members have done to carry out and deliver the objectives and other contents of its strategic plan.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23

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

- NONE

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