



City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021/20 and Strategy 2020/25

Non key decision.

CABINET MEETING DATE (2020/21)

19 October 2020

CLASSIFICATION:

Open

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WARD(S) AFFECTED

None

CABINET MEMBER

Councillor Christopher Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure

KEY DECISION

No

REASON

N/A

GROUP DIRECTOR

Anne Canning, Group Director for Children's, Adults and Families

1. GROUP DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

The City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (the Board) is a statutory board required under s43 of the Care Act 2014. The Board has three statutory functions:

- 1) Develop and publish a strategic plan outlining how the Board will meet its objectives
- 2) Publish an annual report detailing the safeguarding achievements for that financial year
- 3) Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria

This report outlines the Board's new strategy for 2020/25 and the annual report for 2019/20. It focuses on the new principles underpinning the strategy, its strategic priorities and how these will be delivered for 2020/21, key achievements and data for 2019/20. The report also highlights the actions that the Board has taken in response to the Covid-19 outbreak.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

For information only

3. BACKGROUND

1.1 The City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership, represented by statutory and non-statutory stakeholders. The role of the Board is assure itself that robust safeguarding procedures are in place across the City and Hackney to protect adults with care and support needs who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Where abuse and neglect does occur the Board and its partners are committed to tackling this and promoting person centred care for all adults experiencing abuse or neglect. The Board's annual strategy sets out the Board's strategic priorities and aspirations for the next five years. The annual report sets out an appraisal of safeguarding adults' activity across the City of London and Hackney in 2019/20. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak the Board made the decision to produce a condensed report this year.

City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Strategy 2020/25

2.1 The Board's strategy for 2020/25 focussed on the following areas:

- An overview of safeguarding and abuse
- Key statistics on safeguarding for City and Hackney
- Review of the Board's strategy for 2015 – 20

- Feedback from the Board's Consultation
- Key principles and objectives for the 2020/25 Strategy

Board Consultation

2.2 To ensure that the needs and views of residents and professionals living in City and Hackney were reflected in the Board's Strategy, a consultation process took place between October to December 2019. The consultation was co-produced with members of the Board's service user group. In total, the consultation was completed by 130 people; the key findings were:

- 1) Residents and professionals had a varying understanding of safeguarding – most people understood that its purpose is to protect people from abuse and neglect however there was a misunderstanding that it is a service to deal with all adults needs
- 2) 90% of people had heard of at least three types of abuse, with most people being familiar with sexual and physical abuse
- 3) 86% of respondents identified an appropriate source to refer safeguarding concerns to – either adult social care or the police
- 4) Residents were concerned that adults with care and support needs who were at risk of abuse did not have appropriate access to services
- 5) The public wanted the Board to focus on:
 - i. Raising awareness of different forms of abuse
 - ii. Engaging with community groups on safeguarding related issues
 - iii. Supporting people who are homeless and have safeguarding needs
 - iv. Supporting professionals with incorporating safeguarding into practice
 - v. Tackling social isolation and therefore reducing the risk of abuse and neglect

Key Principles for 2020/25

2.3 The Board made the decision to underpin the strategy with the six safeguarding principles:

- 1) Proportionality
- 2) Empowerment
- 3) Partnership
- 4) Prevention
- 5) Protection
- 6) Accountability

2.4 Under each principle a number of objectives has been set, which take into account the views of the CHSAB partners, residents in City and Hackney as well as safeguarding issues that the Board has identified as important both locally, regionally and nationally. To enable accountability with regards to meeting the objectives the Board has also outlined a section on how it will know that objectives have been met.

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Key achievements

3.1 In line with its strategy, some of the key achievements for the Board in 2019/20 include:

- 1) The Board has ensured that service user engagement has been adopted as core business. There are regular newsletters and service user events, which allow and encourage co-production. In the last year the group has co-produced work around the Strategy consultation and how the Board can better engage with individuals who have been involved in the safeguarding process. The Board has developed a service level agreement and protocol to ensure that there is assurance that service user engagement remains core business
- 2) The Board has worked with Community Safety Partnerships in City and Hackney and Children's Safeguarding Partnership to set up the Transitional Safeguarding Task and Finish group to help identify what the safeguarding issues are affecting young people aged 16 -25 years old and what can be done to better support this group
- 3) The Modern Day Slavery Strategy was launched on 18 October 2019, alongside a webpage for Modern Day Slavery, Modern Day Slavery Protocol and resources for professionals and the public. The Board now jointly leads a task and finish group focussed on implementing the actions of the strategy. Further details on Modern Day Slavery can be found: <https://hackney.gov.uk/modern-day-slavery>
- 4) The Board supported Public Health in the London Borough of Hackney to develop safeguarding clauses for their public health contracts.
- 5) The Board undertook its second 360 degree review of the Independent Chair, the results of which were highly positive.
- 6) The Board held a Safeguarding Adults Week in line with the National Safeguarding Adults Week which took place between 18 – 24th November 2019. During this week, members of the Board delivered workshops to frontline professionals, had a number of stands in public places to engage with residents, refreshed its safeguarding leaflets and also engage residents to fill in the Board consultation for the Strategy.
- 7) Publish one Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) in relation to Jo-Jo, a young woman with learning disabilities who died of crusted scabies. The Board also published a joint SAR, with Lambeth, Newham and Islington Safeguarding Adults Boards, Yi, about a man experiencing multi-exclusionary homelessness.
- 8) London Borough Hackney Adult Social Care has worked with health partners to launch a neighbourhood model of multi-disciplinary meetings which greatly assists in information sharing and joint approaches to assisting residents with complex needs.
- 9) Over 100 primary care staff have been trained to Level 3 in adult safeguarding.

- 10) Advocacy Project has undertaken a consultation across care, community and faith groups to understand what local people understand by safeguarding and how to keep safe.

Areas for further development

3.2 The Board was unable to meet its goals in relation to the following, and will continue to work on these into 2020/21:

- 1) Obtaining representative service user engagement with the Board, by failing to fill roles for two Lay Members. Going forward the Board has designed a large scale advert and leaflets about how volunteers can get involved in the Board's work. These will be published in local newspapers.
- 2) The development of a toolkit for mental capacity assessment was not achieved. The Board has subsequently decided to take forward work regarding mental capacity and executive capacity.
- 3) Following the Review of the Independent Chair the Board agreed that it needed to improve its processes for collecting reviewing data. The Quality Assurance Group has now revised its processes so there is a clearer pathway of reporting to the Executive Committee Group.

Data sets for 2019/20

3.3 Key data was collected in relation to safeguarding for the London Borough of Hackney :

- There were 1,331 concerns were raised, of which 500 met the threshold for a s42 safeguarding enquiry and 329 led to other enquiries
- The most common forms of abuse were: neglect and acts of omission, financial abuse and self-neglect
- Of the 442 concluded cases, 347 expressed their desired outcomes. There were 199 people who had their desired outcomes fully achieved and 119 partially achieved. A desired outcome was not met in 29 cases.

Priorities for 2020/21

3.4 The Board has set itself the following strategic priorities for 2020/21:

- 1) To respond to any safeguarding issues arising following the outbreak of Covid-19
- 2) To ensure that organisations are prepared for the induction of the Liberty Protection Safeguards
- 3) To develop an impact analysis tool to ensure learning from SARs in embedded into practice
- 4) To continue to embed and develop knowledge of Mental Capacity in relation to complex issues
- 5) To continue to embed service user involvement into all elements of the Board's work

- 6) To build upon the Board's partnership with other groups and Boards such as the Integrated Commissioning and Neighbourhood Model
- 7) To progress work around transitional safeguarding
- 8) To assure the Board that residents using Out of Borough placements and unregulated settings are appropriately safeguarded from abuse and neglect

Response to Covid-19 outbreak

3.5 The Board has included a small section outlining its response to the Covid-19 outbreak. Some of the key actions the Board has taken in response to the pandemic include:

- 1) Commenced a monthly safeguarding and covid-19 meeting using the Board's Executive Group function, this is a means to assure that our partners have responded accordingly to safeguarding issues that have been raised during the outbreak
- 2) The Board has revised its yearly work plan so that it includes a section on safeguarding and covid-19
- 3) The Board has sent out information to partners on resources and guidance on safeguarding and covid-19

3.2 Equality Impact Assessment

Not required

3.3 Sustainability

No issues identified

3.4 Consultations

N/A

3.5 Risk Assessment

No risks identified

4. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES

The accompanying annual report details the contributions and spend for 2019/20 for the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board. In 2019/20 the gross expenditure budget set was £236k and this was inclusive of partner contributions totalling £130k.

The outturn position in 2019/20 was £170k. The Board have made the decision not to increase partner contributions on the basis that there is

currently a reserve of £137k, to meet any unplanned expenditure that may be incurred the following year.

5. VAT Implications on Land & Property Transactions

None

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & GOVERNANCE

No specific legal issues identified.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) England Regulations 2012 publication of Background Papers used in the preparation of reports is required

Description of document (or None)

- City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Strategy 2020 – 2025
- City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019 – 20

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