

# Report to Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission

<b>Date: 11 September 2023</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022/23
<b>Report From:</b>	Shohel Ahmed, City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Manager
<b>Summary:</b>	The City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (the Board) is a statutory board required under s43 of the Care Act 2014. One of the statutory duties of the Board is to complete an annual report outlining what it has achieved in respect of adult safeguarding in the previous year. This report outlines the key achievements of the Board, areas for further development as well as what the Board will prioritise in the forthcoming year. An overview of the safeguarding data for the London Borough of Hackney is also included for reference.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	There are no recommendations to be brought to the attention of the Health and Hackney.
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## Summary

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 annual report for 2022/23. It focuses on the new principles underpinning the strategy, its strategic priorities and how these will be delivered for 2023-24, key achievements and data for 2022/23.

## **Recommendation(s)**

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

## **Main Report**

### **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 to 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 annual report sets out an appraisal of safeguarding adults' activity across the City of London and Hackney in 2022/23.

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#### **Key achievements**

3.1 In line with its strategy, some of the key achievements for the Board in 2022/23 include:

- 1) The Board commissioned one Safeguarding Adults Review which was published in March 2023.
- 2) The Board held two learning events to help embed learning from the Phillip SAR and the Daniel SAR in 2022/3. The Independent Reviewers worked through the findings and the recommendations from the review with staff from the agencies involved.
- 3) The Board commissioned 8 different safeguarding courses delivered quarterly, including a new course on trauma informed approaches to safeguarding. In total, 135 people attended training in 2022/23.
- 4) The Board published quarterly bulletins for frontline staff providing them with updates on adult safeguarding issues.
- 5) The Board has commissioned a new training system that allows delegates to browse and book themselves on to a number of different training modules.
- 6) The Board held a number of bite-sized learning sessions on different areas of safeguarding for professionals. In total, over 160 professionals attended these sessions.
- 7) The Board provided funding for 3 community organisations to hold their own Safeguarding Adults Awareness events across Hackney, in total these events had over 60 guests, the Board provided these events with posters and safeguarding information resources.
- 8) The Board undertook a self assessment using the Safeguarding Adult Partnership Assessment Tool, which was assessed by an independent reviewer during the partnership development day in March 2022.
- 9) The Independent Chair of the Board initiated yearly check-ins for all Board partners. The purpose of these check-ins were to ensure that all safeguarding issues affecting residents are identified and addressed and to continue to improve engagement with partner agencies.
- 10) The Board worked with the City & Hackney Safeguarding Children's Partnership to update the Think Family guidance, which will be signed off by both partnerships in 2023.
- 11) There was Board attendance at a number of partnership groups including the suicide prevention group, death in treatment panel, community safety officer group and domestic abuse work streams.

## Data sets for 2022/23

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

- There were 1774 concerns raised, The number of accepted section 42 enquiries is generally in line with the previous two years.
- The most common forms of abuse were: self neglect, neglect and acts of omission and financial abuse

## Priorities for 2023/24

3.3 The Board has set itself the following strategic priorities for 2023/24:

- 1) To continue to raise awareness in relation to mental capacity assessment.
- 2) To engage with the community and voluntary sector to support them to build their confidence in delivering their safeguarding duties and raise awareness of adult safeguarding.
- 3) To continue to embed engagement with people with lived experience and ensure that they can influence all aspects of the Board's work.
- 4) To identify and respond to the needs of people who are at the 'edge of care' and may not have safeguarding needs that meet the criteria for section 42(2) safeguarding.
- 5) To work collaboratively with agencies and partnerships across the City and Hackney to respond to the safeguarding needs of residents.
- 6) To support frontline professionals to respond to complex issues relating to self-neglect.
- 7) To deliver and implement recommendations that arise in relation to both local, regional and national Safeguarding Adults Reviews.
- 8) To ensure that all agencies across the City and Hackney deliver their core duties in relation to safeguarding.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

1. Safeguarding is a Corporate and Departmental priority

### **Financial Considerations**

4.1 The purpose of this report is to reflect on Hackney's Adults Safeguarding service performance during the 2022/23 financial year. There are no direct financial implications emanating from this report.

### **Legal Considerations**

5.1 There are no direct legal implications emanating from this report.

## **Attachments**

- Appendix 1 – City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022 – 23

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