

Title of Report	City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23
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Group Director	Helen Woodland, Group Director for Adults, Health and Integration

1. Cabinet Member's introduction

- 1.1 There can be little that defines a community more than its response to abuse. I am pleased to be able to share the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board annual report for 2022/23 for noting to Cabinet. The Safeguarding Adults Board continued to support and protect adults at risk of abuse and neglect through the hard work and dedication of all those organisations in the area who seek to safeguard our residents. The Board established a number of achievements, including embedding the learning from two Safeguarding Adults Review, as well as the self assessment audit toolkit which helped inform priorities going forward. The priorities going forward illustrate that we never remain complacent with our achievements and seek to continue to help people recover and be resilient from abuse, preventing abuse from happening as far as is possible in the first place.

2. Group Director's introduction

2.1 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:

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

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

3. Recommendations

3.1. Cabinet is recommended to note the Annual Report.

4. Background

4.1. 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.

Key Achievements

4.2. 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 and 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.
2. The SAR action plan group measured how well learning had been embedded into practice. This was done by undertaking feedback exercises with frontline staff and partners to understand how well SARs were known and perceived across the City and Hackney.

3. The Board commissions a package of training for frontline line staff working across the City and Hackney on a yearly basis. This year 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 has commissioned a new training system so that all training will be presented in the same place. This system allows delegates to browse and book themselves on to training modules.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The Board undertook a self assessment using the Safeguarding Adult Partnership Assessment Tool, which was assessed by an independent reviewer and the findings presented during the partnership development day in March 2022.
8. The Independent Chair of the Board has initiated yearly check-ins for all Board partners. The purpose of these check-ins is to ensure that all safeguarding issues affecting residents are identified and addressed and to continue to improve engagement with partner agencies.
9. 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.
10. The Board has trained a group of 5 Safeguarding Champions who have started to deliver 90 minute safeguarding awareness sessions in the community. The Board is continuing to promote this across Hackney and City.

Data sets for 2022/23

- 4.3. Key data was collected in relation to safeguarding in the London Borough of Hackney.
- 4.4. 1774 safeguarding concerns were raised in Hackney. The number of accepted section 42 enquiries was generally in line with the previous two years.
- 4.5. Self-neglect continues to be the most common form of abuse reported into adult safeguarding. Neglect and Acts of Omission and Financial or Material abuse make up the second and third most common types of abuse, in line with what we saw last year.

- 4.6. The data continues to show that most abuse occurs within the home by someone known to them.
- 4.7. In 85% of concluded section 42 enquiries, adults were asked what their desired outcome was. Of the 85% that were asked, 88% had their desires partially or fully achieved.

Priorities for 2023/24

- 4.8. 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.

5. Comments of the Interim Group Director, Finance

- 5.1. The accompanying annual report details the contributions and spend in 2022/23 for the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board. In 2022/23 the gross expenditure budget set was £214k and partners contributed a total of £104k. The outturn position in 2022/23 was £213k.
- 5.2. The Board has made the decision to keep the partner contributions the same on the basis that there is currently a reserve of £206k, which is set aside to meet any unplanned expenditure that may be incurred in the following financial year.

6. **Comments of the Acting Director of Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services**

- 6.1 The Mayor and Cabinet have a responsibility to promote and improve the economic and social wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Borough in line with Article 5.5 (viii) of the Council's constitution. The information contained within this report updates Cabinet on the objectives of the Safeguarding Adults Board and the actions taken in regards to supporting and protecting the Adults of this Borough.

Appendices

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

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