

**Appendix 3**

# **Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report (SAB)**

**1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018**

# Who we are and what we do

- Senior representatives from statutory and non-statutory agencies
- We **coordinate** local work by:
  - Delivering a multi-agency Business Plan
  - Developing robust policies and procedures
  - Delivering multi-agency training
- We ensure the **effectiveness** of local work by:
  - Monitoring and scrutinising what is done by our partner agencies
  - Undertaking safeguarding adult and other multi-agency learning reviews, audits
  - Collecting and analysing safeguarding data
  - Drawing evidence from the testimony of clients and staff
  - Publishing this annual report

# Purpose of Annual Report

Under the **Care Act, 2014 and the Care and Support Statutory Guidance** the SAB must publish an annual report.

- It **must**;
  - state what both the SAB and its members have done to deliver its strategic plan.
  - provide information about safeguarding adults reviews
  - Set out how the SAB is monitoring progress against its policies

# Purpose of Annual Report Cont.

- evidence community awareness of adult abuse and neglect
- evidence success of strategies to prevent abuse or neglect
- include feedback from local Health watch
- Show how the SAB links with other parts of the local system
- provide a view on how well agencies are co-operating and collaborating

# Key messages – Safeguarding Performance

- Number of safeguarding enquiries commenced has **decreased**. We are looking into why this is.
- Largest category of enquiries remains neglect and omission, followed by financial & material abuse.
- Number of enquiries relating to physical abuse has **slightly decreased**
- Proportion of enquiries relating to self-neglect has **increased** .

# Key messages – Safeguarding Performance Cont.

- Enquiries relating to domestic abuse **increased** by 1.4%
- **Decrease** in the % of enquiries physical support for personal care is primary need
- Locally the risk of harm and abuses **increases** from the **age of 65**.
- Proportion of enquiries involving BAME adults **remains low** when compared to census data.
- Majority of enquiries relate to alleged abuse occurring in the person's own **home**
- Number of enquiries relating to alleged abuse in **hospital settings** has **reduced significantly**

## Key messages – Safeguarding Performance Cont.

- Proportion relating to alleged abuse in **Care Homes** has **increased**
- **57%** of individuals felt their outcomes had been fully **achieved**
- **47%** of crimes recorded by Sussex Police where abuse was recorded and the victim was a vulnerable were on a physical nature

# Progress 2017-18



## **Priority Area 1: Embed and test practice change and improvement, aligned with statutory arrangements implemented from Care Act 2014 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005**

### **Achievements**

- Sought assurance that all partners audit arrangements in place
- Understanding of gaps in safeguarding workforce training
- Re-write of Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures
- Formally tested, via the Strategic Safeguarding Self-Assessment, that partners have structures and accountabilities which meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014

### **Challenges**

- Development of a Complex Abuse Protocol

## Priority Area 2: Develop and strengthen quality assurance

### Achievements

- Robust multi-agency audit programme
- Received assurance that partners are quality assuring their own safeguarding arrangements.
- Shared audit findings and/ or recommendations widely
- Developed a tracking system to monitor progress of actions arising from multi-agency audit.

### Challenges

- Homeless survey

## Priority Area 3: Focus on Prevention and Early Intervention

### Achievements

- Tested how agencies support adults to identify and manage risk of abuse and neglect for themselves.
- encouraged partners to promote their own pathways of support and referrals
- held partners to account for their safeguarding work, including prevention and risk management

### Challenges

- Many of the objectives and success criteria for this priority area overlap with priority area 4.
- Reduced capacity to test the local mechanisms which enable people to live independently.

## Priority Area 4: Community Awareness and Capacity Building

### Achievements

- Joint LSCB and SAB Participation & Engagement Subcommittee better sighted on the methods partners gather feedback from clients
- assured that partners have briefing and awareness mechanisms to share learning
- Board briefings summarise discussions held at each meeting
- Quality Assurance briefings
- SAB Website and our Twitter
- promoted awareness campaigns
- promoted the use of the Stop, Look & Care booklet and other local safeguarding resources

### Challenges

- No challenges

## Priority Area 5: Locate the work of the SAB in wider structures.

### Achievements

- Clear and influential role on the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Expanded networks with regional SABs and LSCBs to scope collaboration
- Lead Member and the Director of Adult Services provided political and operational direction
- Police and Crime Commissioner represented at several board meetings
- Board Constitution and Information Sharing Agreement.
- Memorandum of Understanding for multi-agency safeguarding audits

### Challenges

- Development of partnership protocol

# Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022

## Strategic Aim 1: Accountability, Assurance & Leadership

**SAB Priority:** Ensure the SAB provides strategic leadership to embed the principles of safeguarding across agencies and contribute to the prevention of abuse and neglect

## Strategic Aim 2: Policies, Strategies & Procedures

**SAB Priority:** Ensure safeguarding strategies, policies and procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure currency, reflecting emerging legislation, policy and/or learning, and that these are made more easily accessible to frontline staff and used effectively.

# Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022 cont.

## Strategic Aim 3: Performance, Quality and Audit / Organisational Learning

**SAB Priority:** Ensure learning from SAB activity is effectively embedded into practice to facilitate organisational change across agencies, refocus quality assurance mechanisms, and better use safeguarding data to define SAB priority areas of business.

## Strategic Aim 4: Prevention & Early Intervention

**SAB Priority:** Ensure the SAB has a prevention strategy that clearly identifies how it will aim to reduce incidence of abuse and neglect (including self-neglect) in Brighton & Hove.

# Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022

## Strategic Aim 5: Engagement & Making Safeguarding Personal

**SAB Priority:** Adults, carers, the local community and professionals assisting to shape the work of the SAB and safeguarding responses and safeguarding practice is client centred.

## Strategic Aim 6: Integration / Training and Workforce Development

**SAB Priority:** Ensure the workforce is equipped to support adults appropriately where abuse and neglect are suspected. This to include emerging local safeguarding challenges.



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