



Although a formal committee of Brighton & Hove City Council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Adults and Healthwatch.

Title:	Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/18		
Date of Meeting:	13 November 2018		
Report of:	Graham Bartlett, Independent Chairperson, Local Safeguarding Adults Board		
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Wards Affected:	All		
FOR GENERAL RELEASE			
Executive Summary			
<p>The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) comprises senior representatives from statutory and non-statutory agencies and organisations in Brighton & Hove with a responsibility for safeguarding adults with care and support needs. The Board co-ordinates local safeguarding activity. Its ensure the effectiveness of local work by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring and scrutinising what is done by our partner agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults with care and support needs• Undertaking safeguarding adult and other multi-agency learning reviews, audits and qualitative reviews and sharing learning opportunities• Collecting and analysing safeguarding data• Drawing evidence from the testimony of adults with care and support needs and frontline professionals&• Publishing an annual report <p>The annual report outlines progress the SAB has made over the last year in respect to safeguarding adults with care and support needs. It covers the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. Also presented alongside this annual report are the draft SAB strategic objectives for the next SAB strategic plan (2019-2022).</p>			
Glossary of Terms			
SAB –Safeguarding Adults Board			

SAR – Safeguarding Adult Review
HASC – Health and Adult Social Care
PD – Personality Disorder
SAB – Safeguarding Adult Board
CE –Criminal Exploitation
SE- Sexual Exploitation
SA –Sexual Abuse
SARC –Sexual Abuse Referral Centre

1. Decisions, recommendations and any options

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 note the report and supports partner agencies in their contribution to safeguarding adults with care and support needs.
- 1.2 note SAB achievements and challenges on pages 7 & 8, appendix 1.
- 1.3 notes the draft strategic plan objectives for 2019 - 2022 as set out in Appendix 2 and agrees to work with the Safeguarding Adults Board in their development and resourcing.

2. Relevant information

- 2.1 It is statutory requirement for the SAB to publish an annual report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for adults with care and support needs in the local area.
- 2.2 The SAB has continued to work in partnership with member agencies to safeguard adults with care and support needs, and to minimise any adverse consequences of abuse.
- 2.3 In summary this year:
 - We have undertaken a Sexual Abuse Audit, which examined safeguarding responses to adults who had experienced sexual assault or abuse. The audit highlighted many examples of what is working well in the safeguarding system and identified some areas for improvement. In some cases, staff were not fully aware of the correct process for assessing clients' mental capacity under the Mental Capacity Act. Next year we will be looking at how to improve staff practice around mental capacity.
 - No safeguarding reviews have been initiated or published. Three referrals for reviews were received. After careful consideration one of these led to a single agency review as there were concerns about how one agency worked to safeguard the adult. Last year we provided information about a safeguarding adult review published concerning SAR X – a homeless individual. This year we have progressed the action plan and an update on progress is available to read on pages 23 & 24.

- All of our partners undertook a strategic safeguarding self-assessment. This exercise required agencies to reflect on how well they meet expected safeguarding standards. From this we learnt; all agencies have a senior staff member who has responsibility to “champion” safeguarding adults, all agencies, had or where in the process of updating, procedures and written information which reflects the Care Act, Making Safeguarding Personal and Sussex Safeguarding Adults Procedures and the majority of agencies were able to describe how new staff members are made aware of their responsibilities to safeguard adults through clear induction or had actions in place to meet expected standards. For more on the results of this activity see pages 26 and 27.
- We have developed a robust process to easily share audit findings and/ or recommendations widely with staff across the safeguarding partnership which is both quick to digest and informative.
- We have devised a tracking system to monitor progress of actions arising from multi-agency audit. This is helping us keep on track on learning from all of our activity to ensure we are really testing how it impacts on outcomes for vulnerable residents

2.4 Achievements are listed out fully on page 7 of the report, below are a few of our achievements:

- As a result of our quality assurance activity there has been a review of city’s multi agency forums for discussing complex cases and the agreement that for homeless clients there should be a robust risk management plan, developed by a lead agency
- We have made some very real advancements in progressing our ambition to develop a multi-agency suite of safeguarding information
- Through our structured multi-agency auditing we have been able to test whether partner agencies are delivering safeguarding outcomes that reflect choice and expectations of clients.

3. Important considerations and implications

Legal:

It is a function of the Health and Wellbeing Board to scrutinise and make decisions concerning adult social care in the city. The statutory requirement for Adult Safeguarding Boards and production of an annual report is addressed in the body of this Report .

Lawyer consulted: Sandra O’Brien

Date: 30 October 2018

Finance:



The Brighton and Hove SAB has an agreed budget with multi-agency funding and receives the following contributions; the Local Authority £12k, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex £10k and Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group £12k. These contributions cover the running costs of the board and one off funding has been allocated to the board for temporary additional resources in 2018/19.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton Date: 15 October 2018

Equalities:

The LSCB through the City Council and other partner agencies will continue to work to ensure all children and families have access to safeguarding services – particularly those who are less able to communicate due to age, disability, language or for other reasons. The work of the Board contributes to improved community cohesion. Where reviews recommend ways to better meet needs of people sharing a protected characteristic these are provided to the relevant organisations, implemented and monitored.

Sarah Tighe Ford Date: 12 October 2018

Sustainability:

The SAB is a statutory requirement. It needs to be appropriately resourced to fulfil its statutory obligations.

Supporting documents and information

Appendix1: Annual Report 2017-18.

Appendix 2: Draft Strategic Business Plan (for consultation only)

Appendix 3: Presentation to the Health & Wellbeing Board