



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:	Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2016/2017	
Date of Meeting:	30 January 2018	
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Wards Affected:	All wards	
FOR GENERAL RELEASE		
Executive Summary		
<p>It is a 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.</p> <p>The SAB continues to work in partnership with member agencies to protect adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect, and to minimise any adverse consequences of abuse. The annual report provides an assessment of the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults with care and support needs.</p> <p>The report is published on the Brighton & Hove City Council website, and circulated to all member organisations of the Safeguarding Adults Board. It will also be hosted on the SAB Webpages.</p>		
Glossary of Terms		
<p>SAB - Safeguarding Adult Board SAR – Safeguarding Adult Review</p>		

1. Decisions, recommendations and any options

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 That the Health & Wellbeing Board notes the report and supports the City Council in their contribution to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.
- 1.2.1 That the Health & Wellbeing Board notes LSCB achievements and challenges on page 8.

2. Relevant information

- 2.1 This paper is presented for information.
- 2.2 The SAB is required to produce an annual report that outlines the progress it has made over the last year in respect to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of adult with care and support needs
- 2.3 The report covers the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 and briefly summarise all the activity undertaken by, and on behalf of the Board over the past year. It also provides data on the number, type, source and demography of safeguarding referrals, and the outcomes of subsequent investigations.
- 2.4 In summary:
 - This year we have been focusing on developing our structure and practice change (in line with developments within the Care Act 2014 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005) to ensure service users choice is at the centre of all services delivered.
 - This year we established a full multi-agency audit programme and our first audit of the year looked at services and interventions provided to four actively homeless people in the city.
 - All partners this year undertook a Pan Sussex Strategic Self-Assessment looking at their own safeguarding arrangements. This was opened up to wider scrutiny through a series of 'Challenge Events' where partners were asked to evidence and expand on their answers within the self-assessment.
 - Professionals Briefings have been developed in 2016/17 for the SAB. These short briefings are aimed at professionals who work with adults with care and support needs in Brighton & Hove. It presents the key findings and recommendations from quality assurance activity

- One Safeguarding Adult Review was published within the year following the death of a homeless individual in the city.
- Throughout the year a number of agencies that comprise the Board have faced challenges including the organisational churn and change of structural reform. You can read about their activity to improve outcomes for vulnerable children in the annual report.

2.5 Each year the SAB faces a number of challenges and while ours are listed out fully in the report we would like to highlight some of our achievements:

- Developed robust multi-agency quality assurance functions.
- Developed assurance mechanisms to test partner compliance with safeguarding duties, responsibilities and ethos.
- Established a Learning & Development Subgroup to support furthering expectations set out in the Care & Support Statutory Guidance.¹
- Carried out assurance work to confirm that all partner agencies have briefing and awareness mechanisms that provide staff with emerging local and national developments regarding the protection and support of adults with care and support needs.

2.6 In 2017/18 we know that the SAB will continue to face challenges. Ours are fully listed in the report. However we would like to highlight:

- Financial constraints and lack of business support has limited progress.
- We need to better assure ourselves that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused by embedding mechanisms to gain feedback on safeguarding outcomes from clients, carers and professionals – both singularly and collectively.
- We have not had capacity to progress our ambition to develop a multi-agency suite of management information.

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: 7 December 2017

¹ Care & Support Statutory Guidance provides SABs must, '*promote multi-agency training and consider any specialist training that may be required [to safeguard vulnerable adults], consider any scope to jointly commission some training with other partnerships, such as the Community Safety Partnership.*'

Finance:

The Brighton and Hove SAB receives the following contributions; the Local Authority (£11k), 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 2017/18.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton Date: 14th December 2017

Equalities:

There are no specific equalities issues for the HWB in relation to this report. An Equality Impact assessment has been carried out for safeguarding work. Positive joint working in this area will ensure that the most vulnerable citizens are supported to access the justice system, and will improve prevention of harm and abuse.

Equalities Officer consulted: Sarah Tighe-Ford Date: 17/01/2018

Sustainability:

The SAB is a statutory requirement and must be resourced over the forthcoming year.

Health, social care, children's services and public health:

Covered within the paper and annual report.

Supporting documents and information

Appendix1: Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2016-2017