

Committee(s): Health and Wellbeing Board - For Information	Dated: 24/10/2023
Subject: City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (CHSAB) Annual Report 2022/23	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1 and 2
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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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. 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 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.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

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.

Current Position

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Board worked with the City and Hackney Safeguarding Children's Partnership to update the Think Family guidance, which will be signed off by both partnerships in 2023.
- 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.

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

- To continue to raise awareness in relation to mental capacity assessment.
- 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.

- To continue to embed engagement with people with lived experience and ensure that they can influence all aspects of the Board's work.
- 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.
- To work collaboratively with agencies and partnerships across the City and Hackney to respond to the safeguarding needs of residents.
- To support frontline professionals to respond to complex issues relating to self-neglect
- To deliver and implement recommendations that arise in relation to both local, regional and national Safeguarding Adults Reviews.
- To ensure that all agencies across the City and Hackney deliver their core duties in relation to safeguarding.

Options

4. N/A

Proposals

5. N/A

Key Data

6. Key data was collected in relation to safeguarding for the City of London Corporation:
- 50 safeguarding concerns were raised.
 - 24 of the concerns led to a Section 42 Enquiry.
 - A Section 42 Enquiry relates to the duty of the Local Authority to make enquiries, or have others do so, if an adult may be at risk of abuse or neglect. This happens whether or not the authority is providing any care and support services to that adult. It aims to decide what, if any, action is needed to help and protect the adult.
 - The trend over the last five years shows that concerns have increased by 11 cases and enquiries by 2 cases with a gradual decrease of the conversation rate since 2020-21.
 - Out of 44 individuals that had a concern in the year, 32 were from a white ethnic background.
 - Neglect has been the highest risk registered this year in safeguarding concerns and enquiries which is similar to the national average in 2021/22.
 - The majority of safeguarding concerns related to alleged abuse that happened within the person's own home. The continued increase in cases in people's own homes this year is related to the increase in neglect. This is

consistent with national data which identifies that abuse typically happens within someone's own home.

Corporate & Strategic Implications – None

Financial implications

None

Resource implications

None

Legal implications

Risk implications

None

Equalities implications

None

Climate implications

None

Security implications

None

Conclusion

7. The Annual Report summarises the key achievements of the Board and outlines the priorities going forward. The Annual Report will be published online.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – CHSAB Annual Report 2022/23

Background Papers

N/A

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