

Committee: Safeguarding Sub Committee	Dated: 08/02/2019
Subject: Corporate Safeguarding Policy	Public
Report of: Andrew Carter, Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
Report author: Pat Dixon, Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Service Manager, Department of Community and Children's Services	

Summary

This report updates Members on the background and current position of the Corporate Safeguarding policy, which has recently been updated. There have only been minimal changes made to the policy in relation to the lead for Adult Social Care, guidance update and new initiatives in relation to adult safeguarding. The policy is accessible via the intranet to City of London corporation staff and is also available to commissioned services. The next update in relation to this policy will be in August 2019.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. In January 2014, the Department of Community and Children's Services developed a Corporate Safeguarding policy which aimed to ensure that all areas of the organisation had a clear understanding of the legislative duties around safeguarding for children and adults at risk. Safeguarding was also added to the Corporate Strategic Risk Register. This was followed by a campaign to raise awareness around safeguarding for adults and children, delivered across the City of London Corporation.

Current Position

2. The Corporate Safeguarding policy was updated in August 2018. The updates to this policy related to guidance on how professionals work together to safeguard children, (which came out in July 2018), the commitment that the City of London has to promoting Making Safeguarding Personal in adult services, and the change in service manager for the Adult Social Care service.

3. As a local authority, the City has an overarching responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people in its area. The law requiring this is set out under the 1989 and 2004 Children Acts and complemented government guidance included in *Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children*, July 2018.
4. For adults at risk, the Care Act 2014 sets out a clear legal framework for how local authorities and other parts of the health and care system should protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect. It includes a duty for the City Corporation to make enquiries (or request others to make them) when we think an adult with care and support needs may be at risk of abuse or neglect, and find out what action may be needed. The City of London is committed to Making Safeguarding Personal by developing a safeguarding culture that focuses on the personalised outcomes desired by people with care and support needs who may have been abused.

Conclusion

5. The Corporate Safeguarding policy has been reviewed by the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Service Manager, who is leading on corporate safeguarding for the City of London Corporation. Adult safeguarding has been reviewed by the Adult Social Care Service Manager, who leads on safeguarding for adults. The Corporate Safeguarding policy is due to be reviewed and updated in August 2019.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Corporate Safeguarding Policy

Background Papers

- *Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children*, July 2018.
- *Making Safeguarding Personal Outcomes Framework: Final Report*, May 2018

Pat Dixon

Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Service Manager
Department of Community and Children's Services

T: 020 7332 1215

E: pat.dixon@cityoflondon.gov.uk