

# City and Hackney Safeguarding Adult's Board- City Specific Objectives

## Overview of 2018/19

### What the CHSAB did in 2018/19?

In the past year, the CHSAB has:

- 1) Continued to improve the information we collect about safeguarding activity, which has helped improve our understanding of what is going on in the City and Hackney so that we can ensure that the work we do reflects the needs of the community
- 2) Prioritised involving service users and residents with the CHSAB by setting up a task and finish group to plan how to obtain their views on safeguarding related issues. We have produced a service user newsletter and have co-produced posters for the CHSAB financial abuse awareness campaign (see <https://hackney.gov.uk/chsab-resources>)
- 3) Continued to raise safeguarding awareness in the community through our safeguarding champions
- 4) Held a staff forum to help us understand where staff have improved their safeguarding and what further actions they need the CHSAB to take to support them
- 5) Asked our partners to review their performance internally in relation to safeguarding activity and used the findings to help the CHSAB develop priorities for 2019/20
- 6) Worked with other Boards to make sure that where we have joint responsibilities and we are committed to working well together
- 7) Published two Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) that have told us what we need to do better to support adults at risk of abuse and neglect in the community
- 8) Ensured that relevant actions from SARs are included in the health and social care transformation agenda and neighbourhood model

### What didn't we do so well?

Whilst we met many of our strategic aims, there are some aims that we need to continue working on:

- 1) Despite efforts to hear directly from people who have experienced safeguarding services, we have not been successful
- 2) We have had to carry over some work to 2019/20 such as agreeing the Modern Slavery Protocol and recording guidelines
- 3) We have set the terms of reference for a task and finish group on Homelessness and Safeguarding. Work around providing assurance to the Board that processes are in place to safeguard people who have care and support needs and are homeless will begin in 2019/20
- 4) Agree shared priorities with other Boards, the Board will continue to identify joint working opportunities with other groups and Boards.

Comments from Service Users and Residents on the Annual Report 2017/18 and plans for 2018/19

On the co-production of financial awareness raising posters, a service user said with a broad smile “I see you have included what I suggested”

**Service Users told us that they want:**

- More awareness raising in the community.
- To be trained so that they can raise safeguarding awareness amongst their peers.
- To have a focus group to discuss issues related to safeguarding that are important to them.

**Our plans for 2019-20**

The role of the CHSAB is to ensure that organisations across City and Hackney are meeting their obligations around adult safeguarding. This year it will:

- 1) Start work on developing the Board’s Strategy for 2020 - 25
- 2) Use qualitative and quantitative data more effectively to identify ways to prevent abuse and neglect
- 3) Continue to communicate and co-produce work with service users, via newsletters and focus groups to discuss issues related to safeguarding that are important to them.
- 4) Further explore ways in which we can hear back from people who use safeguarding services
- 5) Maintain regular contact with staff and support them with safeguarding related work
- 6) Continue to work with agencies to ensure that improvements in relation to SAR findings are made and sustained
- 7) Increase the number of Safeguarding Champions in the Community
- 8) Continue to work with other Boards to identify shared priorities, and with the partnership to improve their delivery of safeguarding activity

**Work of the CHSAB 2018/19**

**The Board’s work in 2018/19 focussed on:**

- 1) Quality Assurance
- 2) User Engagement
- 3) Raising awareness in the community
- 4) Workforce development
- 5) Work within the partnership
- 6) Working in partnership with other Boards
- 7) Work with transformation agenda and the neighbourhood model
- 8) Safeguarding Adult Reviews

## **Quality Assurance (QA)**

1. The QA subgroup met four times throughout the year. It improved the multiagency dashboard to enable better interrogation of multi-agency safeguarding data. The dashboard includes data from health, Adult Social Care, police and fire services.
2. In response to the data, the Safeguarding Champions were asked, in 2018/19, to focus on raising awareness amongst groups where the number of concerns was proportionately low for their demographic when compared to their population in numbers in Hackney and the City.
3. The group started looking at reports about concerns that did not lead to safeguarding enquiries to understand whether prevention measures need to be implemented. Going forward into 2019/20 prevention will be a focus for the QA subgroup.
4. The Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) was developed by the QAF task and finish group to obtain qualitative information to inform the Board's decisions. The full year findings, which will be discussed at the first meeting in 2019/20, will inform further actions to be taken by the Board.

## **User Engagement in the City of London & Hackney**

1. During 2018/19, the CHSAB held a Financial Abuse Awareness campaign which included posters, leaflets on how to keep safe, an article in Hackney Today and a social media campaign. These are available for anyone to download and use: <https://hackney.gov.uk/chsab-resources>. The posters were co-produced with service users, who were pleased to have the opportunity to get involved in the work of the Board. Going forward, the Board will continue to ensure that we co-produce work where we are able to.
2. People who have care and support services span across many service areas. The Board set up a user engagement task and finish group to decide how best to reach these service users as well as the community more generally. The group has representatives from key agencies. We have mapped the service user groups in the City and Hackney and agreed that they will be the conduits for communicating information about safeguarding to and from their respective service users.
3. In June 2018, service user representatives told us that they want us to stay in touch with them during the year, which the Board agreed to do. We started a newsletter to provide Board updates and also met with service users to talk to them about our priorities going forward. They told us that raising awareness in the community was key to people being safe. Service users have also asked to be briefed on safeguarding so that they can share messages with peers; further briefings are being planned for 2019/20. They asked us to host a focus group to consider issues related to safeguarding that are important to them and this also is planned for 2019/20.
4. The CHSAB commissioned an external psychologist to hear directly from people who had been through the safeguarding process. Unfortunately, but not surprisingly due to the nature of safeguarding, no one came forward to take part. During 2019/20, other initiatives will be considered as the Board would like to hear people's experiences of safeguarding services. It is core practice that people who go through the safeguarding process are asked at the start of the process what outcomes they want from the safeguarding process and at the end of the processes they are asked whether these outcomes were achieved. You can find this information in our data section on page 17. This information tells the Board how well practitioners are helping service users achieve what they want from the safeguarding processes.

## **Raising awareness in the Community**

1. The Board supported the training of Safeguarding Champions in the voluntary sector to brief voluntary organisations and service users about safeguarding adults. Peer reviewers, who attended to evaluate how Hackney Adult Social Services was doing in safeguarding adults, commended this initiative. The Champions have continued to raise awareness in the community, carrying out 11 safeguarding workshops which were attended by 252 residents of Hackney. There will be more opportunities to train as a Champion in 2019/20 and residents and service users have already been approached about this. There will also be opportunities for people to be trained as safeguarding peer-to-peer supporters.

2. HCVS also worked with other voluntary organisations to use the safeguarding compliance tool commissioned by the CHSAB. This will help voluntary organisations to understand how well they have embedded safeguarding into their own organisations.

## **Workforce Development**

1. In 2017, the Board embarked on an intensive learning programme to inform staff about the findings from SARs and what the Board had done to address these issues. We also listened to staff who told us what support they needed to improve.

2. In 2018/19, we arranged a feedback session for staff to tell us if their situation had improved. They told us that some of the work that has been done has resulted in issues such as self-neglect, high risk cases, service refusal, no contact and fire safety becoming 'business as usual' due to policies that have been put in place and training that has been received. They said that the fact that the SARs are referenced in training sessions ensures that issues remain fresh and relevant.

3. They asked for more bespoke learning and some other policies to support their work. In response to this, the CHSAB agreed to set up a workforce learning and development process that will take these issues forward.

4. The attendees also agreed to be a reference group for the Board and the CHSAB will maintain regular contact with staff via a newsletter.

## **Work within the partnership**

1. During 2018/19, CHSAB partners were involved in a challenge event that supported them to delve deeper into their self-audits and identify issues that they needed to take forward in their own organisations. The events identified some shared issues for the Board to progress collectively and findings from the self-audit have informed the Board's strategic priorities for 2019/20.

2. We also carried out a review of how the partnership was doing in relation to Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP). The partnership recognised that a move to a person-centred approach will need a culture change within organisations. All partners felt that they needed more support from the Board to embed MSP in their structures and ways of working.

3. The CHSAB has offered on-going support through external training to agencies to help make this change.

## **Working with other Boards**

The CHSAB:

1. Worked with other boards in Hackney and the Human Trafficking Foundation to devise a Modern Slavery Strategy and protocol; the final Strategy and an action plan around this is due to go live in 2019/20. Whilst the City has its own Modern Slavery Strategy, it will be looking at what work could be done jointly with Hackney.
2. Attended an inter-board workshop on domestic violence and partners have agreed to work closely together to progress the new Violence against Women and Girls Strategy in 2019/20.
3. Arranged an Inter-Board Transitional Safeguarding workshop in response to concerns about young people's vulnerability as they reach adulthood where safeguarding services are not always available to them. The City and Hackney Children's Partnership and CHSAB agreed to develop a shared priority in their plans for 2019/20
4. Has been part of the Community Safety Partnership Board and attended related meetings

## **Work with the Transformation Agenda and Neighbourhood Model**

The CHSAB has worked with the Transformation Agenda and Neighbourhoods Model to ensure that safeguarding influences all elements of their work. Key actions taken in relation to this work include:

1. A set of Safeguarding Principles were developed to make sure that safeguarding was considered as part of core business. This has provided different workgroups a guide on how to embed safeguarding in their work so it is business as usual
2. Learning from SARs has been provided to relevant work streams to ensure that learning can be incorporated into their work
3. There is representation from the Neighbourhood Models team on the CHSAB
4. Each work stream has hosted a focused discussion on safeguarding to make sure that they are meeting commitments in relation to safeguarding
5. The Neighbourhood Models team has delivered on some of the actions within the SAR action plans

## **Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)**

The CHSAB received three SAR referrals during 2018/19, two of which met the criteria for a SAR and one did not. There were two SARs published in 2018/19, Ms Q and Ms F – these are our fifth and sixth SARs respectively, since the Care Act 2014 set a duty for SABs to commission SARs. There are currently two SARs in progress, further details of the SARs will be included in the 2019/20 Annual Report.

## **City of London Adult Safeguarding Committee - City Specific Priorities**

The City of London's Safeguarding Adults Committee is made up of a range of professionals and resident representatives. It meets quarterly and considers developments in relation to the Board priorities as well as City specific priorities in the strategic plan. In 2018/19 the priorities remained:

- Homelessness and rough sleeping;

- Modern Slavery
- The on-going implementation of the Social Wellbeing Strategy, including social isolation

### **Homelessness and rough sleeping**

The assessment hub model has expanded its role, increasing from quarterly to monthly meetings, enabling staff to help more people in a more efficient manner. The Task and Action meeting was reviewed to ensure the right people come to meetings, and to streamline the agenda for the meeting so more focus can be given to each individual. This, combined with a strong commitment to following up actions, is enhancing partnership work.

The severe weather response (SWEP) utilised learning from the previous year resulting in over 30 people being assisted on over 200 occasions, each one a potentially life-saving intervention. The No First Night Out project, shared with Hackney and Tower Hamlets, achieved over 190 prevention outcomes, exceeding its funding targets. Significant amounts of learning continues to emerge from this project which is used to inform prevention and relief approaches.

### **Modern Slavery**

The City of London Corporation developed the Modern-Day Slavery Statement in November 2018. This set out the steps that the City has taken and is continuing to take to ensure that modern slavery is not taking place within the business sector, or within the supply chains. There is a multi-agency modern day slavery group which meets bi-monthly, the focus of this group is to identify referral pathways for victims of modern-day slavery, raise awareness about modern day slavery and provide training.

### **On-going implementation of the Social Wellbeing Strategy and social isolation**

Since the launch of the Strategy, a total of 30 actions have been initiated, of which 14 have been completed and 16 are in progress. Significant achievements include:

- 1) The development of the community builders initiative, to help build community resilience, with completion of a successful pilot on the Golden Lane estate. Work is underway to roll this out to other estates.
- 2) The success of inclusion groups to prevent social isolation, for example the Mansell Street Women's Group facilitated by Age Concern has supported older BAME women and "Out and About at the Barbican" has been created for older LGBT residents.
- 3) A City Guide listing details of community groups and social activities which have been made available in venues across the City of London

### **Priorities for 2019/20**

At the City Sub Committee Development Session for 2019/20, the main issues for partners were:

- Homelessness and rough sleeping
- Making Safeguarding Personal
- Embedding learning from SARs
- Service user engagement
- Workforce development

- Prevention

City of London Strategic Plan 2019/20

## CITY OF LONDON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN

### 1) Ensure that the safety and well-being of homeless is central to the commissioning, delivery and assurance

Action	Objective	RAG	Comments
1	Build upon cross borough CHSAB work that has been initiated by the Homelessness and Safeguarding T&F group		
2	Implement learning from the four Borough SAR		
3	To review all deaths of rough sleepers within City of London and London Borough of Hackney		

### 2) Develop overarching principles to support a transitional safeguarding approach for working with

4	Monitor and support the City of London's Early Help pilot being offered to young adults up to the age of 25 and evaluate the impact that this has		
5	Develop a mechanism for ensuring that all thematic safeguarding reports submitted to the CoL Sub- Committee actively consider implications for young adults		

### 3) Support initiatives around Social isolation and Wellbeing wider safeguarding issues within the City of London

6	Updates on the delivery of the Social Wellbeing Strategy and any thematic indicators to be reported to the City Safeguarding Sub Committee		
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