

Committee:	Dated:
Safeguarding Sub-Committee (Community and Children's Services) – For information	11/10/2021
Adult Safeguarding Sub-Committee – For information	01/09/2021
Subject: Adult Safeguarding Performance Report, Q4 2020/21	Public Non-Public Appendices
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1, 2 and 3
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
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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This report is exempt by virtue of paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Specifically, Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the report contains sensitive information which may be exempted under the Act, and as this cannot be presented to Members as a separate appendix, this report needs to be considered in closed session. It is considered that information falling under the following paragraphs outweighs the public interest in disclosing information:

2)	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
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Summary

This report informs Members of the level and nature of adult safeguarding concerns received by the City of London Corporation during quarter four (Q4) of 2020/21. During this period, the Adult Social Care (ASC) team received 15 new safeguarding concerns, of which 14 were within the authority. Five progressed to an enquiry stage and, of these, four concluded during this period. However, in total there were 10 S42 enquiries and 16 conclusions during Q4 2020/21.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. This report sets out information relating to adult safeguarding for the Q4 period, January to March 2021.
2. Safeguarding concerns are raised where concern is expressed for an adult at risk, either by the individual themselves, their family or friends, care workers, volunteers, or other professionals.
3. An adult at risk is a person aged 18 or over who needs care and support, regardless of whether they are receiving it. This may be because of a mental health issue, learning or other disability, age or illness, or because they are, or may be, unable to take care of themselves against significant abuse or neglect. There are approximately 175 adult service users of the ASC team.
4. The Care Act 2014 places a duty on the City of London Corporation to make enquiries – known as Section 42 (S42) enquiries – if it is reasonable to suspect that an adult is, or is at risk of, being abused or neglected. Risk is evaluated and re-evaluated throughout the process – from the concern stage through to protection plans and closure – according to defined thresholds.
5. The City of London Corporation’s safeguarding practice is focused on making safeguarding personal by working with the individual to identify the difference or outcome that they want to achieve to improve their safety and wellbeing. The process is evaluated by assessing whether the individual feels these outcomes have been achieved. Measures used to demonstrate that safeguarding is personalised are:
 - people are asked for their desired outcomes
 - people are satisfied with the outcomes.

Current Position – Safeguarding Concerns During the Quarter

6. During Q4 of 2020/21, the City of London Corporation received 14 new safeguarding concerns within the authority, compared to 20 received during Q3 2020/21. A further referral was received, relating to safeguarding concerns outside the Square Mile, and were referred to the appropriate authority, making 15 in total.
7. During this period, five of the 14 concerns within the City met the S42 criteria and progressed to an enquiry stage. The remaining nine concerns did not meet the criteria for an enquiry.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

8. Financial implications – N/A
9. Resource implications – N/A
10. Legal implications – N/A
11. Risk implications – N/A
12. Equalities implications – N/A
13. Climate implications – N/A
14. Security implications – N/A

Conclusion

15. During Q4 2020/21, of the 16 concluded S42 cases, there were 10 where MSP was asked but only 8 expressed their outcomes, and of those: six (75%) were fully achieved; one (12.5%) was partially achieved; one (12.5%) was not achieved and two were regarded 'not applicable' as their outcome was not expressed (hence why no percentage is accounted for on this regard).

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Q4 2020/21 Adult Safeguarding Activity (Non-Public)
- Appendix 2 – 2020/21 YTD Adult Safeguarding Activity (Non-Public)

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