

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Safeguarding Sub-Committee (Community and Children's Services) – For information	12/05/2022
Adult Safeguarding Sub-Committee – For information	25/05/2022
<b>Subject:</b> Adult Safeguarding Performance Report, Q3 YTD 2021/22	<b>Public Non-Public Appendix</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	<b>1, 2 and 3</b>
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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This report's appendix is exempt by virtue of paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Specifically, Appendix 1 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 three (Q3) of 2021/22 as well as the year to date (YTD) figures for the Q3 2021/22 reporting period.

During this period, the Adult Social Care (ASC) team received 22 new safeguarding concerns, 18 of which were within the authority. Four of the Q3 concerns progressed to an enquiry stage, but two Q3 concerns concluded during this period, and the remaining two Q3 concerns are yet to conclude following a S42 enquiry.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. This report sets out information relating to adult safeguarding for the Q3 and YTD data for the period April to December 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 years 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 124 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 at risk or is 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 (MSP) 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 that 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 Q3 of 2021/22, City of London Corporation received 18 new safeguarding concerns within the authority, compared to 22 within received during Q2. A further four referrals were received, relating to a safeguarding concern outside the Square Mile, and were referred to the appropriate authority, making 22 in total during Q3 (compared with Q2's total of 25 [Q2 = 22 within 3 outside boundaries]).
7. During this period, the 18 concerns reported equated to 13 people and included concurrent concerns for three people. Of those three people, one person had four concurrent concerns, and two people had two concurrent concerns during this period. Four of the 18 concerns within the City met the S42 criteria and progressed to an enquiry stage.

8. There have been 49 safeguarding concerns YTD received within City of London boundaries; and eight received outside the Square Mile. In 2020/21 YTD, there were 63 concerns within and 10 concerns outside the City's boundaries.
9. During Q3 2021/22, of the nine S42 enquiries, seven concluded by the end of the reporting period. During this period, the conclusions that transpired after a S42 enquiry amounted to 15 in total.
10. In terms of MSP, of the 15 concluded S42 cases, eight were asked about MSP and, of those: five (62.5%) were fully or partially achieved (of which three (37.5%) were fully achieved and two (25%) were partially achieved; none were recorded as not achieved; and three were regarded as 'not applicable' as their outcome was not expressed (hence why no percentage is given).
11. Of the 38 concluded S42 cases YTD, 26 were asked MSP questions and of those, 16 expressed their outcomes: - 15 (94%) were fully or partially achieved; of which seven were fully achieved (44%); eight (50%) were partially achieved; one (6%) was not achieved. There was a YTD total of 10 for those who were asked but no outcomes were expressed, thus regarded as 'not applicable' (hence why no percentage is given).

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

12. Financial implications – N/A
13. Resource implications – N/A
14. Legal implications – the framework for Adult Social Care and safeguarding is set out in the Care Act 2014.
15. Risk implications – N/A
16. Equalities implications – Monitoring intelligence on safeguarding processes and associated demographics allows us to assess and then investigate if there are any unintended impacts of any safeguarding processes or practices. A more detailed analysis of this will be included in the end of year report.
17. Climate implications – N/A
18. Security implications – N/A

## **Conclusion**

19. Comparisons show that the SAC activity as at Q3 2021/22 YTD appears to be evident of an increase in safeguarding activity, which may be largely attributed to an increase in awareness of safeguarding – even more so during the ongoing global pandemic. As a result, there have been a number of cases where a person may have more than one concern running concurrently.

20. The increased number of younger people (people aged 18-64 years) with safeguarding concerns is partly due to the younger person either being homeless or a rough sleeper. Appendix 1 provides more granular age categories for those aged 18-64 now being reported with the following age cohorts: 18-25; 26-35; 36-49; and 50-64.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Q3 and YTD 2021/22 Adult Safeguarding Activity (Non-Public)

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