

<b>Committee(s):</b> CoL Members Safeguarding Sub-Committee - for information	<b>Dated:</b> 14/11/2024
<b>Subject:</b> City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023/24	<b>Public</b>
<b>This proposal</b> a) delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes (see list below)	
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</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>
<b>Report of:</b> Dr Adi Cooper, Independent Chair of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board	<b>For Discussion/For Information</b>
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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 City of London Corporation 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 (the Board) is a statutory board required under s43 of the Care Act 2014. The Board has three statutory functions:
  - Develop and publish a strategic plan outlining how the Board will meet its objectives
  - Publish an annual report detailing the safeguarding achievements for that financial year
  - Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria
2. This report outlines the annual report for 2023/24. It focuses on the new principles underpinning the strategy, its strategic priorities and how these will be delivered for 2024-25, key achievements and data for 2023/24.
3. In line with its strategy, some of the key achievements for the Board in 2023/24 include:
  - The Board commissioned two discretionary Safeguarding Adults Reviews throughout the year.
  - A learning event for the John SAR was held in June 2023, whereby the key themes from the SAR were discussed amongst relevant agencies and a multi agency action plan was drafted in line with the recommendations of the review.
  - 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 safeguarding courses delivered quarterly throughout the year. Courses on offer included the following:
    - ❖ Safeguarding awareness training (webinar).
    - ❖ Trauma informed approaches to safeguarding (in person).
    - ❖ Safeguarding, Self-neglect & Hoarding (webinar).
    - ❖ Safeguarding Adults Workshop for Manager & Safeguarding Leads (webinar).
    - ❖ SAMs – Exploring the Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of Safeguarding Adult Managers (webinar).
    - ❖ SAE – Undertaking S42 Safeguarding Enquiries (webinar).
    - ❖ Safeguarding, mental health and social isolation (webinar).

In total, over 150 people attended the various different training sessions on offer.

  - The Board organised a series of events throughout the whole month of November, in recognition of Safeguarding Adults Week. These included events on intergenerational domestic abuse, substance misuse, self neglect, homelessness and mental health. In total, over 120 professionals attended these sessions.
  - The City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board also helped organise a joint North East London conference, which focused on key learning and themes arising from Safeguarding Adults Review.

- The Board undertook a self assessment using the Safeguarding Adult Partnership Assessment Tool, which was analysed by the Board Manager and helped inform the strategic priorities during the partnership development day in March 2023.
- There was Board attendance at a number of partnership groups including the suicide prevention group, strategic vulnerability board, community safety officer group and domestic abuse work streams.
- Four safeguarding champions were trained to deliver 90 min sessions with community groups. Champions have delivered 3 sessions within the community across 2023-24. The Board is continuing to promote this across Hackney and City.
- The CHSAB participated in the Safeguarding Adults Insight Survey from the LGA/ADASS, which sought to identify the impact of winter pressures and the cost of living crisis on safeguarding activity. The London Borough of Hackney was also profiled in a webinar organised by the LGA/ADASS where good practice was shared.

## **Current Position**

4. The Board has set itself the following strategic priorities for 2024/25:
  1. To continue to improve the quality of mental capacity assessments.
  2. 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.
  3. To continue to embed engagement with people with lived experience and ensure that they can influence all aspects of the Board's work.
  4. To identify and respond to the safeguarding needs of people who are homeless, people experiencing modern day slavery, people experiencing discriminatory abuse (hate crime) and young people (18-25 year olds).
  5. To work collaboratively with agencies and partnerships across the City and Hackney to respond to the safeguarding needs of residents.
  6. To support frontline practitioners to respond to complex issues relating to self-neglect.
  7. To deliver and implement recommendations that arise in relation to both local, regional and national Safeguarding Adults Reviews
  8. To ensure that all agencies across the City and Hackney deliver their core duties in relation to safeguarding.

## **Key Data**

5. Key data was collected in relation to safeguarding for the City of London:
  - 49 safeguarding concerns were raised.
  - 25 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, concerns have increased from 48 in 2019/20 to 60 in 2021/22 and then slightly decreased to 49 concerns in 2023/24. The conversion rate has slightly increased from 48% in 2022/23 to 51% in 2023/24.
- Out of 43 individuals that had a concern in the year, 29 were from a white ethnic background. Of which 16 met S42 enquiries.
- The most prevalent risk noted this year in safeguarding enquiries was Self-Neglect, accounting for 61% of all cases. This was closely followed by Financial or Material abuse, which constituted 35% of the risks. Discriminatory abuse, psychological abuse, domestic abuse, physical abuse, and neglect each represented 4% of the total risks identified.
- The majority of safeguarding enquiries related to alleged abuse that happened within the person's own home. Two enquiries happened in the community, 1 in the Hospital-Acute and 2 in other locations. The continued increase in cases in people's own home is consistent with national data which identifies that abuse typically happens within someone's own home.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

Financial implications - none

Resource implications - none

Legal implications - none

Risk implications - none

Equalities implications - none

Climate implications - none

Security implications - none

## **Conclusion**

6. The Annual Report will be published on the appropriate pages online.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – CHSAB Annual Report 2023-24

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