

City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Boards Response to Ministerial letter of May 2024 to Directors of Adult Social Care, Housing & SAB
Chairs with recommendations for SABs on - Individual Rough Sleeping

	Recommendation	Safeguarding Adults Boards Evidence/Action
1.	Governance structure, accountability, and system-wide change.	
1A.	SABs should ensure their governance structure has the necessary mechanisms to hold partners working with people rough sleeping accountable.	<p>The CHSAB is well established with engagement and attendance from all statutory partners. At the current time, the City of London is represented on the CHSAB by the AD People. The AD People is responsible for CoL Adult Social Care and CoL Homelessness and Rough Sleeping and is therefore, well placed to address the new requirements set out within this letter.</p> <p>There is also a City of London Adults Safeguarding Board Sub Committee which addresses specific issues for the CoL Safeguarding Partnership. As well as the AD People sitting on this sub-Committee, Head of Adult Social Care also attends and as part of future planning the Head of Homelessness and Rough Sleeping will be part of the membership.</p>
1B.	SABs should act as an active presence in system-wide governance discussions. These discussions should seek outcomes which promote the integration of experience informed practice into service standards.	The CHSAB presents the Annual Report to all the key CoL Committees, including the Safeguarding Sub Committee, the Community and Children Services Committee, the Health and Well Being Board and the Safer City Partnership.
2.	Named Board Member for rough sleeping	
	<p>SABs should designate a member of the Board to lead and update on complex or stalled cases within the local authority's Target Priority Group (TPG) of people rough sleeping.</p> <p>DLUHC Rough Sleeping Initiative advisers will soon be reaching out to local authorities to support closer working between rough sleeping teams and Safeguarding Adults Boards.</p>	<p>As noted above, the AD People will meet this requirement at the main CHSAB on behalf of the CoL. At the CoL Adults Safeguarding Sub Committee, the Head of Homelessness and Rough Sleeping will fulfil this requirement.</p> <p>The Head of Homelessness and Rough Sleeping is already linked in with the RSI Adviser role and will be able to utilise that established relationship to progress any development work, if required.</p>
3.	Strategic plans, annual reports and procedures	Case studies have been cited in the past. This will become a standard addition

		to the CHSAB Annual report with a section included by the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Service.
	SABs should actively reference rough sleeping and homelessness in annual reports and strategic plans.	

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	Promoting workforce safeguarding and legal literacy is also strongly recommended.	This will be reviewed by the CHSAB Training Sub Group. CoL is already committed to Adult Social Care colleagues engaging in legal literacy training. We would support this approach in order to ensure there is professional understanding of how to work with people living on the streets within appropriate safeguarding and wellbeing legal and policy contexts.
4.	Safeguarding Adult Reviews	
	In compliance with the Care Act 2014 ("Section 44"), SABs should proactively commission Safeguarding Adult Reviews in cases of deaths involving rough sleeping. There should also be a clear focus on implementing learnings from the reviews.	The CoL Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy Group are developing a process MAP to support the identification, analysis/assessment and, if applicable, referral for a SAR to the CHSAB following the death of all rough sleepers in the CoL.

