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Community and Children's Services Safeguarding Sub Committee	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
<b>Subject:</b> The City of London Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2012/13	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Information</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summary</b></p> <p>This report aims to provide members with an overview of the City of London Safeguarding Adults Annual report 2012/13, which is attached as an appendix.</p> <p>This report provides a review of the statutory Safeguarding activity carried out by the Adult Social Care team, together with changes that have taken place at Committee and Board level.</p> <p>The Annual report highlights that as part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Safeguarding Adult Boards will become statutory and safeguarding adults arrangements will need to be considered by Health and Wellbeing Boards.</p> <p>This Annual report sets out the Governance and membership arrangements supporting the work of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adult Board and the City Safeguarding Adults Sub Committee. The report notes that Safeguarding Adults has been placed alongside Safeguarding Children in respect of the work of the new Safeguarding Sub Committee, which has replaced the previous Corporate Parenting Task Group. Furthermore, the new City of London Safeguarding Adults Sub Committee has been confirmed as a Sub Committee of the City and Hackney Board and is chaired by the Assistant Director. From 2013/14 an elected Member of the City Safeguarding Sub Committee will also be a member of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adult Board.</p> <p>The Annual Report notes that during 2012/13 there were 20 Safeguarding Alerts received by the Adult Social Care Team, and breaks down these numbers in terms of demographic information and type of abuse.</p> <p>The Annual Report also highlights work undertaken in respect of learning and development, work with partners and highlights the priorities for 2013/14, which includes increased awareness raising and increased focus on prevention activities.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation</u></b></p> <p>The report is for information only.</p>	

## **Main Report**

### **1. Background**

1.1 The City of London became a strategic partner alongside Hackney, in relation to adult safeguarding in 2010 through the formation of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adult Board (CHSAB), with the aim of enhancing governance arrangements, scrutiny and best practices across the two localities.

1.2 The CHSAB is currently a non-statutory, multi-agency partnership that is being reviewed by the newly appointed independent chair.

1.3 The partnership arrangements for safeguarding adults in the city of London have been developed in accordance with statutory guidance “No Secrets” (DOH 2000), and best practice standards developed by the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) “Safeguarding Adults 2005”.

### **2 Current Position**

2.1 The City specific Annual Report provides details on the progress made by the Safeguarding Adults Partnership against the 2012/13 priorities. The City specific report will be included in the overarching Annual Report of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Board that will be published later in 2013. The delay in publication has been brought about by the change in the Chairing of the Board and recruitment of a new Board Manager. Both are now in in post.

2.2 The City specific report notes that 2012/13 saw considerable change and development in the profile and governance of Adult Safeguarding within the City of London. The report highlights that Safeguarding Adults has been placed alongside safeguarding children in terms of reporting to the new City of London Safeguarding Sub Committee, which has member representation and is Sub Committee of the Community and Children Services Grand Committee.

2.3 The report also highlights the reconfiguration of the City of London Adults Safeguarding panel into the new Safeguarding Adults Sub Committee as it is now defined. This has now been formally recognised as a sub group of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adult Board (CHSAB) and is chaired by the Assistant Director for People.

2.4 The report sets out what the role of the Sub Committee is and highlights its responsibilities which includes;

- Monitoring the effectiveness of what is done to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults, including the review of local policies and procedures in line with regional and national developments.
- Reviewing the City of London’s safeguarding performance and championing good practice.
- Analysis of information data about safeguarding adults and how this can inform service planning.

- Ensuring regular awareness raising activities within the City of London are in place.

The report notes that the membership of the Sub Committee is made up of;

- City of London Corporation Adult Social Care
- The Neaman Practise
- Toynbee Hall
- City of London Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleepers
- The City's Commissioning and Performance Manager
- City of London Police
- London Fire Brigade
- Healthwatch

The report then sets out the policy and procedural framework within which Adult Safeguarding operates and confirms the requirements for Safeguarding Adult Boards to be placed on a statutory footing.

### **3. Performance**

3.1 The report then provides details on the volume of safeguarding activity carried out in 2012/13 in respect of safeguarding alerts. Analysis of Adult Safeguarding in the City during the reporting period highlights the following;

- 20 Alerts
- 6 Alerts regarding residents placed outside the city.
- 12 City of London alerts progressed to referral and strategy meetings and related to financial abuse, neglect, physical abuse and emotional abuse.
- 10 cases were substantiated and protection plans put in place.

3.2 The main report gives gender breakdown, but not specific ethnic breakdown as the numbers are small and the individuals could be identifiable.

3.3 The report also sets out the responsibility on the City of London regarding Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) and Best Interest Assessments (BIA). There were no DOLS and 2 BIAs during the year.

3.4 Reference is made in the report to emerging work with Mental Health and London Fire Brigade, as well as work with voluntary organisations such as Toynbee Hall, Elders Voice and CSV.

The report also highlights the priority given to prevention in minimising risk of harm to vulnerable adults.

#### **4. Corporate & Strategic Implications**

As part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Safeguarding Adult Boards will become statutory and safeguarding adults arrangements will need to be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

#### **5. Implications**

There are no financial implications in relation to this report

#### **6. Conclusion**

This report has provided a summary of the main findings from the City of London annual safeguarding adult's report 2012/13, highlighting the structure, membership and performance in respect of safeguarding arrangements. The City specific report will be included as part of the City and Hackney Annual Report, when this is produced by the Hackney Safeguarding Team.

#### **Appendices**

The City of London Safeguarding Adults Annual Report for 2012/13

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