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Summary

This report provides background information on the work of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (CHSAB) - as set out in the CHSAB Annual Report 2013/14.

The Annual Report is attached as an appendix and provides detail on progress against the 2013/14 priorities, key developments during the year, activity data and 2014/15 priorities.

The report also provides background information regarding the governance and membership of the Adult Safeguarding Board.

The report highlights that Safeguarding Adult Boards will be placed on the same statutory footing as Children Safeguarding Boards as a result of the Care Act 2014, and as such Health and Wellbeing Boards will need to have regard for the adult safeguarding arrangements in their area.

Recommendation

The report is for information only.

Main Report

Background

1. Adult Safeguarding is governed by national statutory guidance, “No secrets” (DOH 2000), which places the lead responsibility for coordinating safeguarding adults work with the local authority.

2. In 2010, the City of London became a strategic partner alongside Hackney through the formation of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adult Board (CHSAB), with the aim of enhancing governance arrangements, scrutiny and best practice across the two localities. The CHSAB is currently a non-statutory, multi-agency partnership that meets on a quarterly basis and is represented by a range of agencies from the statutory and voluntary sectors.

The Board is made up of the following partners;

- NHS North East London Cluster (NELC) general medical and mental health care,
- East London Foundation Trust (ELFT),
- Barts Health
- Homerton Univeristy Hopsital (HUH)
- Hackney Adult Social Care
- CoL Adult Social Care
- The Care Quality Commission (CQC),
- Metropolitan Police Service
- City of London Police
- City of London London Fire Brigade,
- Hackney Fire Brigade
- Older Peoples Reference Group

3. Preventing abuse and neglect of adults at risk, and taking appropriate action where it occurs, is the core business of the CHSAB. From April 2015 the work of all Safeguarding Adult Boards will be placed on a statutory footing as a result of the Care Act 2014.
4. The work of the board includes oversight of multi-agency City and Hackney safeguarding adults policies and procedures for protecting vulnerable adults – ensuring they take into account statutory requirements, national guidance and London regional policies.
5. The CHSAB monitors incidents of abuse and neglect, reviews trends and acts where appropriate to improve services and support to vulnerable adults. It regularly evaluates how agencies and providers safeguard vulnerable adults via analysis of the quality assurance and scrutiny systems across partner agencies.
6. The CHSAB has the authority to commission Serious Case Reviews, as well magement reviews where opportunities for multi-agency learning may arise.
7. It maintains a programme of training and development on safeguarding vulnerable adults for staff across agencies in the statutory, independent provider and voluntary sectors.
8. The CHSAB also seeks to raise public awareness of safeguarding and engages the wider community in helping to prevent abuse and neglect, and to report where they have concerns.

9. The City Of London has its own Safeguarding Adults Sub Committee that meets on a bi-monthly basis and reports on its work to the City of London Adult Wellbeing Partnership and the CHSAB.
10. *Safeguarding Adults: A national framework of standards for good practice outcomes in adult protection work* (ADASS 2006) recommended that Adult Safeguarding Boards produce an annual report highlighting activity and achievements against agreed business plan objectives. The *City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Report 2013/14* is attached as an appendix.

Current Position

11. The Annual Report 2013/14 highlights the key developments that took place in the year including the Care Act receiving Royal Assent in May 2014, publication of the House of Lords post legislative scrutiny report of the Mental Capacity Act 2005, details of the Deprivation of Liberty supreme court judgement, Making Safeguarding Personal programme, changes in the Care Quality Commission and responses to Winterbourne Review.
12. The report highlights the progress made against the following 2013/14 priorities;
 - Public awareness raising
 - Developing performance management and quality assurance across agencies working with adults-at-risk in the City and Hackney
 - Personalising adult safeguarding
 - Involving service users
 - Getting the Governance arrangements right.
13. In respect of City of London specific activity, the report highlights that Adult Social Care (ASC) currently know of 250 people referred and living in the community, both in the City and placed outside.
14. All alerts and referrals of safeguarding are managed through the Adult Social Care team. An alert may be a result of a disclosure, an incident, or other signs or indicators. A referral is when an alert (following a decision made by the Team Manager) is accepted to be a safeguarding issue and is managed through the safeguarding process. Adult Safeguarding is an integral part of the whole team approach, with two social workers being trained as Safeguarding Adults Managers (SAMs) as well as the Team Manager. There is a designated social worker who carries out care home reviews as a direct response to the Winterbourne Review.
15. The number of Safeguarding Alerts received from April 2013 to March 2014 was 28. Fourteen were within the City of London and 14 were outside the City in placements. There has been an increase in alerts raised in the year: in

comparison there were 20 alerts raised in 2012/13, with six alerts regarding residents placed outside the City.

16. People placed by the ASC team outside the City and who are subject to safeguarding, are not counted for Department of Health reporting purposes by the placing authority, as they take the lead when a safeguarding action takes place within their local authority.
17. Of the 14 City of London alerts, seven were progressed to referral with a strategy meeting and protection plan. The seven other alerts were diverted from the formal safeguarding process, but support and care was provided in all cases.
18. Of the seven cases progressed to referral, less than five were substantiated, and were categorised as psychological, emotional and financial abuse and/or neglect.
19. Appendix 2 of the Annual Report highlights the specific achievements of the City of London during the year including the ongoing implementation of the dementia strategy action plan; joint working with London Fire Brigade; raising awareness activity and the completion of self assessment review.
20. The report highlights the priority areas for the City of London in 2014/15 include;
 - To continue to develop effective partnerships with key agencies such as CCGs, CQC, Police, Housing and Advocacy, particularly with the focus of the Care Act 2014.
 - To continue to develop a high level of safeguarding competence in the ASC workforce and with partners.
 - To evaluate the improvement plan and undertake a review of our safeguarding practices
 - To raise awareness of Adult Safeguarding to City of London residents, through the campaign launch, Notice the Signs, in September 2014, in order that communities and organisations know how to respond effectively when they suspect that an adult is at risk of abuse.
 - To ensure that in the City of London we are actively identifying and preventing the circumstances where abuse occurs and promote the welfare and interests of adults at risk.

Corporate & Strategic Implications:

21. The Care Act 2014 has placed Safeguarding Adult Boards on a statutory footing from April 2015. It will now be a statutory requirement to produce an Annual Report which should be shared with the Safeguarding Adult Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Financial Implications:

22. There are no financial implications.

Conclusion:

23. The report has provided a summary of the main findings from the City and Hackney Adults Board Annual Report 2013/14.

Appendices:

24. The Safeguarding Adults Annual Report for 2013/2014, City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board

Background Papers:

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