
REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 22 November 2022

Subject: Harrow Safeguarding Partners' Annual Report

Responsible Officer: Produced on behalf of the Safeguarding Partners and presented by the Independent Chair of HSCB and Independent Scrutineer of the HSAB, Chris Miller, and the Partnership Manager, Alison Renouf

Public: Yes

Wards affected: Not applicable

Enclosures: HSP Annual Report

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This is the first Harrow Safeguarding Report that has reported on the work to safeguard both adults and children – previously there were 2 separate reports. The move to have a single report reflects the further integration of the support structures and funding for the Partnership as well as the joint work to strengthen awareness and understanding of safeguarding issues as they impact on all members of the family,

Safeguarding Partners in a Local Authority Area, for the purposes of both safeguarding adults and children (the Partners) are required to publish their arrangements for both sets of safeguarding arrangements (the Arrangements) ^{1,2} They are also required to publish at least annually a report on what the Partners have done under the Arrangements and whether they have been effective^{3,4}. This independent scrutiny report is an assessment of how effective the Harrow Safeguarding Partnership has been in 2021-22.

Previously the HSCB was required to publish and share its annual report with specified bodies and persons – one of which was the Health and Wellbeing Board. The new arrangements require the Partners to produce an annual report

¹ 16G (2) Children Act 2004

² Sec 3 Schedule 2 Care Act 2014

³ 16G (7) Children Act 2004

⁴ Section 4 Schedule 2 Care Act 2014

which is then disseminated widely. The report is to describe the activities of the Partners and the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements.

Recommendations:

The Board is requested to comment on and endorse the Annual Report.

Section 2 – Report

Ward Councillors' comments

Not applicable

Financial Implications/Comments

The Harrow Safeguarding Partnership budget is included in the appendices of the annual report.

The children's safeguarding board expenditure for 2021-22 totalled £257k, of which £35k was funded by partner contributions, leaving the balance of £222k funded by the Council.

The contribution towards the adults' board is funded within the Adults Safeguarding Service. The expenditure for the entire service totalled £1.345m of which £31k was funded by partner contributions, leaving the balance of £1.314m funded by the Council, although only a fraction of these costs reflect support for the board.

There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

Legal Implications/Comments

As set out in the Report Summary, Annual Reports are required from the Adults and Children Safeguarding Partners under the terms of the Care Act 2014 and The Children Act 2004 respectively.

The key responsibilities for the Health and Wellbeing Board include 3.1.9. To provide a forum for public accountability of NHS, public health, social care and other health and wellbeing services.

Risk Management Implications

None

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

None – The Statutory Safeguarding Partnership set of arrangements is not a separate public body

Council Priorities

The Partners work to agreed multi-agency priorities and this report describes how they work together to help children thrive and to keep them safe from harm

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)

Statutory Officer: Donna Edwards

Signed on *behalf of/by the Chief Financial Officer

Date: 10/11/2022

Statutory Officer: Sharon Clarke

Signed on *behalf of/by the Monitoring Officer

Date: 10/11/2022

Chief Officer: Carole Furlong (on behalf of Senel Arkut)

Signed by the Corporate Director

Date: 10/11/2022

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Alison Renouf - Harrow Safeguarding Partnership Manager. Available on: alison.renouf@harrow.gov.uk

Background Papers: N/A

