



REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 24th November 2020

Subject: Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) Annual Report 2019/2020

Responsible Officer: Paul Hewitt
Corporate Director, People Services

Public: Yes

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/2020

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

The attached report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of safeguarding adults activity undertaken in 2019/2020 by the Council and its key partners through the work of the Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB).

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

2.1 The Care Act 2014

Under the Care Act 2014 the HSAB has core duties. It must:

- i. publish a strategic plan for each financial year
 - the HSAB has a 3 year strategic plan which is updated each year after production of the annual report
- ii. publish an annual report
 - the 2019/2020 annual report has been written in a different style, more in line with the approach taken by the Children’s Board (HSCB)
 - each partner organisation represented at the HSAB presented the Board’s Annual Report for last year at their Executive level meeting or equivalent
 - as in previous years, this report has been produced in an “easy to read” format and is now available to a wider audience through the Council and partner agencies websites
- iii. conduct any Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)
 - the HSAB has an agreed protocol for carrying out Safeguarding Adults Reviews and last year the HSAB agreed that the criteria had been met in one case and the process is underway
- iv. have the following organisations on the Board – the Council; the local NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the chief officer of Police
 - the membership of Harrow’s HSAB includes the required statutory partners

2.2 Statistics

The attached report covers the full range of statistical analysis.

In summary, as is the case across the UK, elderly women remain the most at risk group with most abuse taking place at their home. Family or partner are the most likely people alleged to have caused harm.

There was a reduction in the number of concerns recorded last year, however this relates to a change in practice rather than a reduction in work. This has now been remedied and the Q2 figures for 2020 – 2021 have already reached the 2019 – 2020 total.

2.3 HSAB priorities for 2020 - 2021

The annual HSAB Development Day was held on the 30th September 2020 and 14 people comprising members of the board and other officers attended. Using the draft annual report as a starting point a review of the effectiveness of the work as a board in 2019-20 was completed.

HSAB also sought feedback on the learning from Covid-19 and lockdown to help inform its new ways of working. Finally, the HSAB reviewed its existing priorities to see whether they remained the right ones and to see where they might be refined or other areas of priority work could be identified. These priorities will be agreed at the HSAB meeting in December 2020.

Progress on the priorities will be monitored at quarterly HSAB meetings and an end of year review will be summarised in the HSAB Annual Report 2020/2021.

Ward Councillors' comments

N/A – this report affects all Wards

Financial Implications/Comments

The work of the board is supported by 2 full time equivalent staff (including the Service Manager for Safeguarding Adults and DOLS and the Safeguarding Adults Co-ordinator) and is funded by the Council.

These annual costs are in the region of £150k (including the costs of the independent chair), although in practice only a proportion of the officer time specifically supports the board. The work supporting the HSAB is separate to the social work service provided by the Council and CNWL MH NHS Trust as part of their Care Act responsibilities.

In addition to staff, there are ongoing costs for the multi agency training programme; best practice forums; publicity (posters/fliers/wallet cards); awareness/briefing sessions; independent file audit; independent interviews with users; and administrative support to the HSAB etc.

The costs of these services are primarily borne by the People Services Department within Harrow Council, with contributions totalling circa £21,000 p.a. from three of the four local NHS partner agencies (Harrow Clinical Commissioning Group; London North West Hospitals NHS Trust; and the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Trust); the London Fire Service and Metropolitan Police.

Costs related to the time spent by partner agencies on HSAB activities e.g. attending meetings, facilitating staff release for training etc, are borne by the individual member organisations.

Central and North West London Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL)

Under the formal Section 75 agreement there are also a number of trained Safeguarding Adults Managers with a dedicated lead located in Central and North West London Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL). The statistics for the CNWL Safeguarding Adults Service are included in the statistical section of the annual report.

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report and the expectation is that the HSAB priorities are delivered within the annual financial envelope, however this continues to prove challenging where the pressures are demand led and of a statutory nature.

Legal Implications/Comments

The Care Act 2014 puts safeguarding on to a statutory footing and requires inter alia that the Safeguarding Adults Board publish an annual report.

The terms of reference for the Health and Well Being Board include that the purpose of the Board is to improve health and wellbeing for the residents of Harrow and reduce inequalities in outcomes. The Board will hold partner agencies to account for delivering improvements to the provision of health, adult and children's services social care and housing services.

Risk Management Implications

Failure to manage safeguarding adults work competently leads to a risk of significant harm to vulnerable Harrow residents.

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

The HSAB considers local safeguarding adults statistics at each Business Meeting and at its annual review/business planning event, with particular emphasis on ensuring that concerns (referrals) are being received from all sections of the community. The Board's existing Strategic Plan was developed such that the HSAB monitors the impact of abuse in all parts of Harrow's community.

Safeguarding adults' work is already focused on some of the most vulnerable and marginalised residents and the 2019/2020 statistics demonstrate that concerns continue to come from all sections of the Harrow community.

Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

This report primarily relates to the Corporate priority of:

Supporting Those Most in Need (empower residents to maintain their well-being and independence)

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

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Ward Councillors notified: MANDATORY	NO – this report affects all Wards
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: – Paul Hewitt (Corporate Director, People Services)

Background Papers:

Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/2020