



Healthier Communities Select Committee

Report title: Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Annual Report 2022 – 2023

Date: 10 January 2024

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: Not applicable.

Contributors:

Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board - Business Unit.

- London Borough of Lewisham - Adult Social Care.
- South East London Integrated Care Board.
- Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust.
- South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.
- Metropolitan Police Service.

Outline and recommendations

This report provides members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee with an overview of the partnership work carried out by the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board and its partner agencies from April 2022 – March 2023.

- The report is for the Healthier Communities Select Committee member's information.
- The contents of the report are agreed.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

Not applicable.

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report contains information on the following:
- 1.2 Message from the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair.
- 1.3 Summary of Delivery in 2022-23.
- 1.4 Partners Work.
- 1.5. Learning, Training and Development Delivery.
- 1.6. Communication and Engagement.
- 1.7. Safeguarding Information 2022-23.
- 1.8. Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR's).
- 1.9. Work of the Sub-Groups.
- 1.10 Strategic Business Plan 2023-24.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The report is for the Healthier Communities Select Committee member's information.
- 2.2. The contents of the report are agreed.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 Safeguarding is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action.
- 3.2 Local authorities are required to: lead a multi-agency local adult safeguarding system; making or causing enquiries to be made where there is a safeguarding concern; hosting Safeguarding Adults Boards; carrying out Safeguarding Adult Reviews; and arranging for the provision of independent advocates.
- 3.3 The Board are committed to 'Making Safeguarding Personal' (MSP); to improve outcomes for people at risk of harm. This is achieved, during a safeguarding enquiry, by establishing a real understanding of what people wish to achieve and the 'outcomes' they want at the beginning then checking throughout, and at the end the extent to which these outcomes were realised.
- 3.4 The work of the LSAB contributes to the Council's priorities as set out in the Corporate Strategy specifically:
- 3.5 Commitments - All health and social care services are robust, responsive and working collectively to support communities and individuals - We will continue to do our utmost to defend and deliver health and social care services that protect the most vulnerable in our borough.
- 3.6 Creating and Inclusive Lewisham - Continue to ensure that everyone in Lewisham has equitable access to the support and services they need.
- 3.7 Achieving better outcomes for people.

3.8 Comprehensive Equality Scheme, Strategic Framework.

4. Background

4.1 The LSAB brings together a wide range of agencies from across the borough to ensure that there is a joined-up approach to adult safeguarding.

5. Financial implications

5.1. There are no financial implications.

6. Legal implications

6.1. There are no legal implications.

7. Equalities implications

7.1. As outlined in the report adults from Black British, Black African, and Black Caribbean backgrounds were disproportionately more likely to be the subjects of a SAR Notification linked to mental ill-health.

8. Climate change and environmental implications

8.1. There are no implications.

9. Crime and disorder implications

9.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

9.2 The LSAB works in close collaboration with the Safer Lewisham Partnership Board to ensure a joint approach to overlapping issues such as domestic violence, hate crime and the government's counter-terrorism strategy 'Prevent' thereby contributing to meeting the duty placed on local authorities by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to identify community safety implications in all our activities.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

10.1. No implications.

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