



Healthier Communities Select Committee

Report title: Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Annual Report 2023-24

Date: 9 January 2025

Key decision: not applicable.

Class: N/A.

Ward(s) affected: All.

Contributors: LSAB Partner agencies.

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 2023 – March 2024. The report is for information only so there are no recommendations to consider or agree.

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 2023-24.
- 1.4 Partners Work.
- 1.5. Learning, Training and Development Delivery.
- 1.6. Communication and Engagement.
- 1.7. Safeguarding Information 2023-24.
- 1.8. Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR's).
- 1.9. Work of the Sub-Groups.
- 1.10 Strategic Business Plan 2024-25.

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. Main body paragraphs are set out in section one.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. None.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. None.

7. Risk implications

- 7.1. Mention relevant implications.

Risk	Mitigation
Not funding and resourcing the Safeguarding Adults Board effectively to allow it to discharge its statutory duties.	Continue to fund the Board appropriately.

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1. As stated in the report the 'Joshua' Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) outlines that agencies should review relevant training and policies to strengthen anti-racist perspectives and to include the involvement of people with lived experience and their families, as well as third sector organisations.

9. Climate change and environmental implications

9.1. None.

10. Crime and disorder implications

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

10.2 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.

11. Health and wellbeing implications

11.1. None.

12. Background papers

12.1. None.

13. Glossary

Term	Definition
Safeguarding Adults Review	A Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) must arrange a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) when an adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult. SABs must also arrange an SAR if an adult has not died but the SAB knows or suspects that the adult has experienced serious abuse or neglect.

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15. Appendices

15.1. Appendix A- LSAB Annual Report 2023-24