

<b>Healthier Communities Select Committee</b>			
Title:	Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2015-16		
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## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report and accompanying copy of the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Annual Report for 2015-16 demonstrates the work that has and continues to be undertaken across a range of agencies and partnerships to safeguard adults in Lewisham.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Healthier Communities Select Committee:
- 2.1.1 Note the achievements outlined in the annual safeguarding report 2015-16.
- 2.1.2 Note the continuing demand relating to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLs).
- 2.1.3 Note the goals set for 2016-17.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Care Act 2014 established Adult Safeguarding Boards as a statutory requirement of equivalent status to Children's Safeguarding Boards. One of the duties of the board is to produce an annual report.
- 3.2 The LSAB brings together a wide range of agencies across the borough to ensure that there is a joined-up approach to Adult Safeguarding.

## **4. Policy Context**

- 4.1 Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about working together to support people to make decisions about the risks they face in their own lives, and protecting those who lack the mental capacity to make these decisions.
- 4.2 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 adults reviews; and arranging for the provision of independent advocates.

4.3 Adult Social Care and 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 of, the process the extent to which these outcomes were realised.

4.4 The Six Safeguarding Adults Principles

<b>Safeguarding Principles</b>	<b>What does this mean for service users?</b>
1. Empowerment	"My voice is heard to make decisions about what makes me feel safe and the outcomes I want"
2. Prevention	"I receive clear information about what abuse is and where to seek help"
3. Proportionality	"I know that professionals will keep me involved as much as I am able to"
4. Protection	"I receive clear information about reporting abuse and I receive continued help and support throughout the process"
5. Partnership	"I know all the professionals involved are working hard and sharing information safely to provide the best outcome for me"
6. Accountability	"I am aware that everyone involved in my care and support needs are responsible for the actions they take that affect me"

**5. Changes with the LSAB since 2014-15**

5.1 The Board meets four times a year and is independently chaired. Following the resignation of the former chair, the Executive Director for Community Services has been appointed interim chair while a new independent chair is recruited. A new chair should be in post by the end of December.

5.2 From April 2015 Board partners agreed a budget to fund the work of the board with the following partners contributing to the budget:

- Adult Social Care
- NHS Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group
- Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust
- South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
- The Metropolitan Police Service
- The National Probation Service
- The London Fire Brigade

5.3 This funding allowed the formation of a business team to support the work of the chair and the board, consisting of: Business Manager, Development Officer and Administrator. Staff were recruited to these posts and commenced work by December 2015.

- 5.4 One of the roles of the LSAB is to initiate and consider learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs). SARs take place when someone with care and support needs dies as a result of neglect or abuse and there is a concern that the local authority or its partners could have done more to protect them.
- 5.5 No SARs were required in Lewisham in 2015-16, but four cases were brought to the attention of the Board at the end of March 2016, which were considered in 2016-17 resulting in the commissioning of two SARs which are still in progress.

## **6. LSAB Priorities**

- 6.1 The LSAB has identified the following four priorities as the focus for its work in 2016-17:
1. To continue to promote partnership working.
  2. Prevention of abuse through training, awareness raising and information sharing.
  3. Promote positive practice: Making Safeguarding Personal plus
  4. Safeguarding Board development.
- 6.2 The 30 objectives under these priorities are set out in detail in the accompanying report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

## **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 There are no additional legal implications arising from this report.

## **9. Crime and Disorder Implications**

- 9.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report. The LSAB works in close collaboration with Safer Lewisham Partnership to ensure joint approaches to overlapping issues such as domestic violence, hate crimes and 'Prevent' (the government's counter-terrorism strategy).

## **10. Equalities Implications**

- 10.1 As highlighted earlier in this report, The LSAB has the lead role in promoting the fact that every adult in Lewisham has the right to live safely and free from abuse; and that Safeguarding is 'everybody's business'. The LSAB Team is working with a variety of statutory and local third sector organisations to publicise and promote that the Board is there to: make sure that local safeguarding arrangements are in place; help to prevent abuse and neglect taking place; and, ensure agencies respond appropriately when concerns are

raised. In particular the team is working with local organisations to reach out to smaller communities which may be harder to engage in order to spread the board's messages across all sections of the community.

- 10.2 Over time data on trends in the types of people being abused, type and location of risk and the alleged perpetrators will enable the Board to specifically target activity and interventions aimed at those most at risk.

## **11. Environmental Implications**

- 11.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

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### **Background documents**

The Care Act 2014

[Care Act Factsheets and Care and support statutory guidance: changes in March 2016](#)

Care and Support Statutory Guidance 2014

[Care and support statutory guidance - GOV.UK](#)

Protecting adults at risk

[London Multi-agency Policy and Procedure to safeguard adults from abuse](#)

The Mental Capacity Act 2005

[Mental Capacity Act 2005 Code of Practice](#)

Making Safeguarding Personal

[ADASS Making Safeguarding Personal Publications](#)