



Healthier Communities Select Committee

Report title: Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Annual Report 2020 – 2021

Date: 2 November 2021

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: N/A

Contributors:

- Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board Business Unit
- London Borough of Lewisham - Adult Social Care
- South East London Clinical Commissioning Group
- Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust
- South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
- Metropolitan Police Service
- Lewisham Homes

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 2020 – March 2021.

- 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

N/A

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report contains information on the following:
- 1.2. Message from the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair
- 1.3. Key Outcomes in 2020-21
- 1.4. Covid – 19 Pandemic Response: Highlighting Inequalities
- 1.5. Case Studies
- 1.6. New Lewisham Adult Safeguarding Pathway
- 1.7. Communication and Engagement Work
- 1.8. Learning, Training and Development Delivery
- 1.9. Safeguarding Information
- 1.10. Safeguarding Adult Reviews
- 1.11. Work of the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board Sub-Groups
- 1.12. Business Plan on a page 2021-22.

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

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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. Main body paragraphs

- 5.1 Message from the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair
- 5.2 Key Outcomes in 2020-21
- 5.3 Safeguarding Information
- 5.4 Safeguarding Adult Reviews
- 5.5 Work of the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board Sub-Groups
- 5.6 Business Plan on a page 2021-22.

6. Financial implications

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

7. Legal implications

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

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1. As highlighted in the "Safeguarding Information" section of the LSAB Annual Report (page 6) there are ongoing equalities implications to ensure that all communities across Lewisham are engaged with relevant agencies and services to help prevent adult abuse and neglect.
- 8.2. The further development and analysis of data by the Board's Performance, Audit and Quality Sub-Group will enable the Board to understand any potential barriers to reporting abuse, and also accessing protective and preventative services and links to the following aims in the LSAB Business Plan 2021-2022:
- 8.3. Prevention Aim – Objective - Focus on equality and narrowing inequality, particularly in relation to racial disparity and disproportionality.

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- 8.4. Prevention Aim– Objective - Help to break down barriers to reporting abuse and improving access to supportive and protective services.
- 8.5. Prevention Aim – Objective - Listen to the voices of adults, ensuring their experiences shape how services are designed and delivered.

9. Climate change and environmental implications

- 9.1. There are no climate change or environmental implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

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. There are no specific health and wellbeing implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

12. Background papers

- 12.1. N/A

13. Glossary

- 13.1. Please see table below for Acronyms and sector-specific language used in the annual report.

Term	Definition
LSAB	Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board
SAB	Safeguarding Adults Board
SAR's	Safeguarding Adults Reviews (Section 44 Care Act 2014)
Safeguarding	The process of ensuring that adults at risk are not being abused, neglected or exploited, and ensuring that people who are deemed 'unsuitable' do not work with them.
Advocacy	Help to enable adults to get the care and support they need that is independent of the local council. An advocate can help adults express their needs and wishes, and weigh up and take decisions about the options available to them. They can help the adult find services, make sure correct procedures are followed and challenge decisions made by councils or other organisations. The advocate represents the interests of the adult, which they do by supporting the adult to speak, or by speaking on their behalf.
Abuse	Harm that is caused by anyone who has power over another person, which may include family members, friends, unpaid carers and health or care workers. It can take various forms, including physical harm or neglect,

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	and verbal, emotional or sexual abuse. Adults at risk can also be the victim of financial abuse from people they trust. Abuse may be carried out by individuals or by the organisation that employs them.
Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)	Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is a sector-led initiative which aims to develop an outcomes focus to safeguarding work, and a range of responses to support people to improve or resolve their circumstances

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15. Comments for and on behalf of the Executive Director for Corporate Resources

15.1. N/A

16. Comments for and on behalf of the Director of Law, Governance and HR

16.1. N/A

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