

Decision Maker: Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee

Date: 1st October 2014

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: Bromley Safeguarding Adults Annual Report
2013/14

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Chief Officer: Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report is being presented to the Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee for information purposes. Queries relating to the **meeting** should be directed to the Contact Officer, and queries relating to the **contents of the report** should be directed to Aileen Stamate, Quality Assurance Manager, Adult and Community Services.
- 1.2 A **summary** of the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2013/14 follows. The full Bromley Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2013/14 was disseminated as an Information Briefing.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the summary report, and the full Bromley Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2013/14 that was disseminated as an Information Briefing.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Report Author)	Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) Annual Report 2013/14. Supporting documents that can be downloaded from the Bromley Council Adult Safeguarding web page as outlined in

	the Summary Report.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council / Supporting Independence/Safe Bromley/Healthy Bromley
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable for providing this reference.
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable for providing this reference.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services.
 4. Total current budget for this head: £367,636.
 5. Source of funding: 2014/15 revenue budget.
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 10 posts (8.75fte).
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 0.20hrs to provide this reference.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None to provide this reference.
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable as no decision is being made.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Attached briefing provided for the information of PP&S PDS Members and Co-opted Members.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

Part 1 – Public

Briefing for Public Protection & Safety PDS Committee

1st October 2014

Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2013/14

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) since 2008 has been responsible for the co-ordination and development of work to safeguard adults at risk from abuse and neglect in accordance with the Government guidance, “No Secrets” (Department of Health 2000). Last year the provisions of the draft Care and Support Bill set out the Government’s plans for new legislation, the Act received Royal Assent on 14th May 2014 and comes into force in April 2015.
- 1.2 The Annual Report is presented to the Care Services and Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees. Cllr Robert Evans Portfolio Holder Care Services is a member of the Board.
- 1.3 The following provides an overview of the initiatives delivered with the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio and their achievements in 2013/14. (Details of the full range of BSAB work delivered during 2013/14 is provided in the annual report link below in section 2.2).
 - 1.3.1 In response to the underreporting of Disability Hate Crime, a Disability Hate Crime Awareness Project was implemented in the London Borough of Bromley by the Metropolitan Police Service in 2013. The Council Community Safety Team and Bromley police qualified for a £15,000 grant from Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) in 2013 to 2014. This supported the launch of a monthly Disability Hate Crime Forum in Bromley with the support of the Metropolitan Police Service. In addition the Metropolitan Police Service held a conference on hate crime in Bromley in 2014, which included interactive intense training sessions for the safer neighbourhood teams, safer transport teams and school liaison officers, to highlight the issues of disability hate crimes within the borough and improve outcomes for victims of crime. There were 2 disability hate crimes reported to Bromley Police in 2012/13 and in 2013/14 there was a significant increase to 20 reported disability hate crimes.
 - 1.3.2 The London Fire Brigade Home Fire Safety Initiative Team held a workshop on the 28th October 2013 providing advice to adults at risk to prevent fire hazards, eighty one people attended. LFB completed 2290 home fire safety visits to vulnerable householders.
- 1.4 Thirty presentations were held with banks to raise awareness on how to support adults at risk from financial harm. The aim of the work is to ensure people have access to criminal justice and personal loss is reduced. Trading Standards officers distributed as part of their direct

marketing initiative, 800 'Safe as Houses Packs' to residents and 1500 coasters and pens with contact details at events.

- 1.5 The Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project supported victims through advocacy to access the criminal justice system and achieved a 66.5% conviction rate compared to conviction rates of around 20% without advocates.
- 1.6 The Perpetrator Programme is jointly commissioned with the London Borough of Lewisham and LBB. A total of 56 applications were made to the scheme and 23 men attended the programme. All of the partners or former partners of the participants reported they felt safer following the intervention.
- 1.7 The Safer Bromley Van is a joint venture between the Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Team, and Metropolitan Police Service aimed at prevention of crime to adults at risk. Five hundred referrals were received for residents who were victims of crime who accepted support with home security. The results of this programme were excellent with no one experiencing a repeat burglary. The service will be extended to housing associations targeting specific areas in 2014.
- 1.8 The Rapid Response Team prevented £280,000 from being lost by consumers and assisted in the prosecution of a rogue plumber who received a prison sentence for 2½ years. A worker in the care sector was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment for theft and false accounting after being convicted of stealing £3000 over a period of more than a year, from a service user with learning disabilities. In another case a person appointed as Power of Attorney systematically defrauded the service user of £92,000 and was convicted on 14 counts of theft and money laundering, sentenced to 4½ years imprisonment.

2. Supporting Documents

- 2.1 Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) Annual Report 2013/14.

Members and Co-opted Members have been provided with advance copies of the briefing via email.

The link on the Bromley Council Website is:

<http://cde.bromley.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=559&Year=0>

- 2.2 Supporting Documents listed below can be downloaded from the Bromley Council adult safeguarding web page:

www.bromley.gov.uk/bsab

BSAB Prevention Strategy 2011-2014

Protecting Adults at Risk: London multi-agency procedures 2011

Guide to Scrutiny of Adult Safeguarding for Councillors.