

London Borough of Bromley

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BROMLEY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides Members with an overview of the main issues raised from the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) Annual Report 2015-2016 (Appendix 1), which outlines the Board's work to drive improvement in multi-agency action to safeguard vulnerable adults.

2. BRIEFING

2.1 Adult safeguarding is the process of protecting adults with care and support needs from abuse or neglect. It is an important part of what many public services do, but the key responsibility is with local authorities in partnership with the police and the NHS.

2.2 Since 2008 the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) has been responsible for the co-ordination and development of work to safeguard adults at risk from abuse and neglect in accordance with Government guidance. The Care Act 2014 put adult safeguarding on a legal footing and, from April 2015, places a duty on the London Borough of Bromley as lead agency for adult safeguarding together with the Metropolitan Police and Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group.

2.3 The Act specifies that each local authority must establish a Safeguarding Adults Board with membership from its core partners as well as from other health and social care providers in the statutory, private, voluntary and independent sectors.

2.4 The Care Act outlines three primary functions for the Board:

- 1) It must develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how it will meet its objectives and how member/partner agencies will contribute to these;
- 2) It must publish an annual report detailing how effective its work has been and
- 3) It must commission Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) where appropriate. The Act has replaced Serious Case Reviews with Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

- 2.5 Leadership of the Board lies with Annie Callahan as Independent Chair. Board membership in Bromley has been reviewed in light of the Act's requirements.
- 2.6 The report contains evidence of how the Board has achieved against its priorities for 2015-2016 through the work of its sub-groups and individual partners often working in partnership together. Many of these priorities focused on ensuring that the work of the Board, individual agencies and front-line practitioners was compliant with the Care Act 2014. The report also includes updates from partners of the Board which describe their agency's contributions to the overall delivery of the BSAB strategic aims in 2015-16. The report looks ahead to what the Board, its sub-group and partners are planning for 2016-17.
- 2.7 The Board receives regular reports to satisfy itself that the issues highlighted in national inquiries have been addressed locally. In light of abuse at Winterbourne View the Board continues to monitor work with patients with learning disabilities who are in Assessment and Treatment Units to ensure that Bromley residents remain safe. The recommendations of the Mazars Review of deaths at Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, published in December 2015, together with proposed actions by local partners have been reported to the Board. Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust established a monthly mortality surveillance group which commenced in February 2016 and submitted 12 months data to NHSE in respect of locally recorded deaths. Oxleas has also produced its own action plan to ensure it is complying with the Review's recommendations. Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group is developing a new dataset recording the cause of deaths for people with Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and those with Dementia who are in receipt of a Bromley CCG commissioned service. Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust instituted an annual audit reviewing deaths of people with learning disabilities and established the Safeguarding Adults, Learning Disabilities and Mental Capacity Act Group to provide updates re ongoing cases and training compliance.
- 2.8 The Board has worked in developing its new 3 year Strategy as well as a Communication Strategy to provide direction to the work of the Board and its partners.
- 2.9 The Board's Training Strategy and programme were also revised in light of changes resulting from the Care Act 2014. In 2015-2016, 609 staff across the multi-agency partnership received classroom-based adult safeguarding, Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards training. The successful e-learning programme enabled 1,084 individuals to complete safeguarding modules whilst 140 people attended the Board's Annual Safeguarding Conference with training opportunities focussed on the Care Act 2014.
- 2.10 A major project during the year was the production of the Practitioners' Toolkit containing Board policies and procedures which were developed to ensure that safeguarding practice in Bromley complies with the new duties and requirements of the Care Act 2014.
- 2.11 Work continued to embed "Making Safeguarding Personal", a national initiative led by the Local Government Association (LGA). The aim of MSP is to enable individuals to be safeguarded by supporting them in making choices and having control over how they chose to live their own lives. Case file audits of care

management cases has identified improved awareness and implementation of MSP principles and practices.

- 2.12 Partnership working has driven some of the more successful projects such as the collaboration between the Council and the London Fire Brigade. This has resulted in more people being referred for home fire safety visits to reduce their risk from fires as well as more referrals to care management from local fire officers. Work between Trading Standards, the Fire Brigade and the local provider of domestic violence services has enabled staff to be able to recognise evidence of abuse and signs of risk, whilst the Fire Brigade, the Council and housing providers have explored ways of reducing fire risk in sheltered housing schemes.
- 2.13 Analysis of the safeguarding data is contained in the report which is collected for the Health and Social Care Information Centre as well as local monitoring. This provides an overview of local activity. 392 safeguarding investigations took place in 2015-2016. A third of investigations involve abuse or harm taking place in the victim's own home by a person known to them who is not a care worker. A third of investigations involve a care worker, either in a care home or the victim's own home.

3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 3.1 Appendix 1 Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) Annual Report 2015-2016.
- 3.2 Supporting documents listed below can be downloaded from the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board pages and external links:

Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board Website:

<https://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/bsab/>

London Multi agency adult safeguarding policy and procedures 2015 - under Professionals documents

<https://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/bsab/documents/>

Guide to scrutiny of adult safeguarding for councillors - under Professionals documents

<https://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/bsab/documents/>

Care and Support Statutory Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/careand-support-statutory-guidance>