



BROMLEY ADULT SAFEGUARDING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT



PURPOSE OF THE BOARD

- The Local Authority has a duty to establish a safeguarding adults board under S43 of the Care Act 2015.
- The aim of the Board is to ensure that there are local safeguarding arrangements in place to help and protect adults in Bromley.
- The Board has three main functions which are to:
 - Develop a strategic plan which describes the Board's objectives and how members of the Board will achieve these
 - Publish an annual report detailing how effective the Board's work has been
 - Undertake safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) and publish the findings and recommendations from these.

BOARD MEMBERS

- The Board's statutory partners are Bromley CCG and the Metropolitan Police. There is attendance from both parties at all our Board, Executive and sub-group meetings.
- The Board has a wide range of non-statutory partners, including the CQC, local voluntary organisations and Healthwatch.
- The Board recently appointed two Lay Members, and is amongst 7% of SABs that have recruited Lay Members.
- The Board is establishing a service user forum, which will invite service users to help comment on and progress our strategy.

KEY STRATEGIC AIMS

- **Priority 1 – Empowerment**

To help support residents manage risk in their own lives with support from professionals.

- **Priority 2 – Prevention**

To support the developments of and oversee strategies that help reduce abuse and neglect.

- **Priority 3 – Proportionality**

To ensure that we acted appropriately where and abuse or neglect has occurred and that individual's are supported to have a choice.

- **Priority 4 – Protection**

To work collaboratively with our partners to ensure those in need are represented.

- **Priority 5 – Partnership**

To work with our partners to develop a 'one team' approach that focuses on the welfare and needs of the individual.

- **Priority 6 – Accountability**

To ensure that all partner agencies are aware of their safeguarding duties and accept responsibility for this.

LOCAL CONTEXT

Typically:

- Female (62%)
- Over 75 years (58%)
- Suffering neglect or acts of omission (37%)
- Abuse in own home (56%)
- Perpetrator known to them (51%)

Users with Learning

Disabilities:

- 11% of all safeguarding enquiries
- 90% between 18 – 64
- Exposed to physical or financial abuse as well as neglect
- One of high risk groups for sexual abuse

Users with mental health:

- 21% of all safeguarding enquiries
- 64% of service users over 65 years
- 24% between 75 - 84
- Exposed to neglect or acts of omission if over 65
- Suffering physical abuse if under 65



OUR SERVICE USERS

KEY BOARD ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Safeguarding Adults Strategy for 2016 – 2019 outlines what the Board wants to achieve in the next three years. Service users were engaged in the process, with 617 people responding to an online survey and 63 people attending six focus groups. Work plans are in place to help the Board achieve its strategy; the key priorities for next year are domestic abuse, self-neglect, hoarding and home fire safety.
- We held the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Annual Conference 2016 with the theme of 'Accessing Justice'. This was attended by over 100 delegates and included sessions on pressure ulcers and self-neglect.
- Members of the Care Management Team worked closely with the Bromley Metropolitan police to investigate cases where the allegations of abuse and/or neglect were potentially of a criminal nature. Police intervened in 19 safeguarding cases, leading to 2 criminal prosecutions.
- Trading Standards delivered awareness raising talks and training and advice events to partners to enable them to recognise the signs of mass market fraud and doorstep crime. In total, 2,913 people attended these sessions. There were 229 calls to the rapid response number which included. As a result of these calls, officers made 63 immediate visits to vulnerable residents, resulting in savings of £399,000.

KEY BOARD PARTNER ACHIEVEMENTS

- BCCG developed a Bromley CCG Integrated Safeguarding Strategy and the 'Children and Young People, Children Looked After and Adults at Risk' which includes work set by the Adult and Children Safeguarding Boards.
- Bromley Healthcare had three CQC inspections throughout the year that rated safety as good and reported that safeguarding was embedded across the organisation.
- The Bromley Metropolitan Police Community Safety Unit, which handles domestic violence and abuse and hate crime, rose from 26th in the MPS to 5th in respect of detected cases. The police were the first in the MPS to create a dedicated victim care team to help safeguard vulnerable victims through multi-agency working.
- London Fire Brigade completed 3,434 Home Fire Safety Visits, an increase of 262 on 2015/16 figures. There were 65 safeguarding referrals to the Local Authority. London Fire Brigade responded to 8 fire retardant bedding requests for vulnerable residents.
- Healthwatch Bromley carried out five 'enter and view' visits to Ashglade, Burrows House, Foxbridge House, Sundridge Court and Green Parks House Care Homes and Extra Care Housing Schemes.

CASE STUDIES

Two rogue tree surgeons traders were convicted after defrauding elderly people in the area

A female was supported by a Bromley IDVA to press charges against her abusive partner

An elderly male who was self-neglecting and hoarding was supported with a community care package



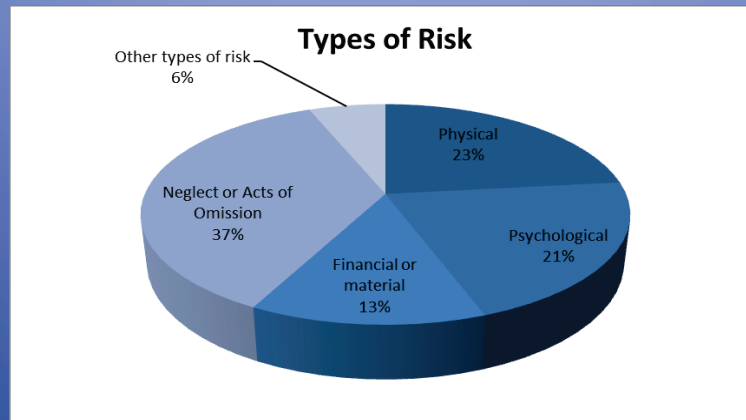
A female with Alzheimer's and her son were provided with support when their relationship became physically abusive

An elderly couple were helped to manage finances after their son had taken this from them

A male with learning disabilities was referred to a new placement after his carer physically abused him

NATIONAL PERFORMANCE

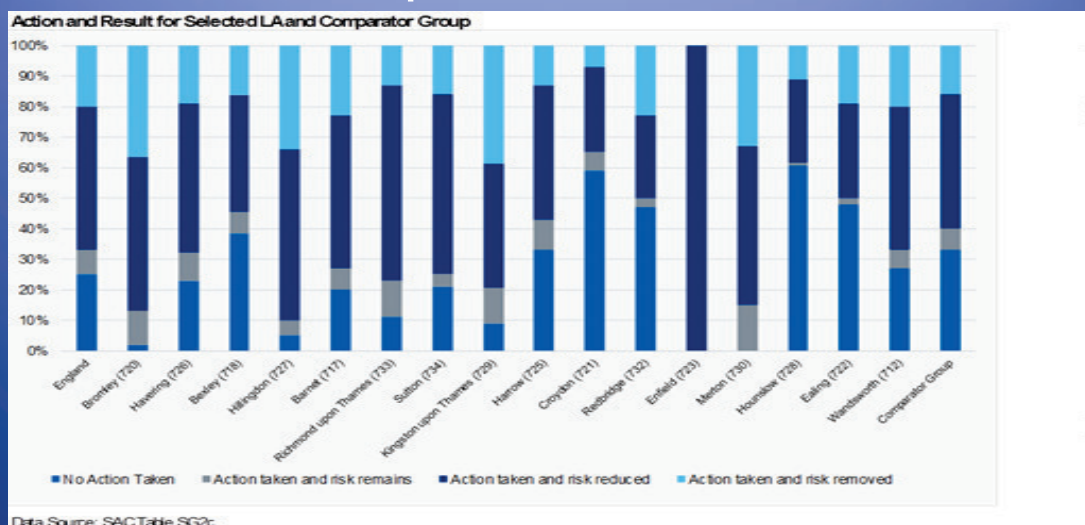
Enquiries per 100,000 adults and types of risk



- London Borough of Bromley has approximately 86 enquiries per 100,000. This is lower than the national average of 239 enquiries per 100,000.
- Bromley most commonly deals with safeguarding cases involving neglect and acts of omission as well as physical abuse. Nationally these are the most common types of abuse at, 33% and 26% respectively.

NATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Actions and results of enquiries



Action was taken to manage the risk of abuse in 98% of all cases investigated by Bromley. This is higher than the national average of 75%.