

Decision Maker: ADULT CARE AND HEALTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

Title: BROMLEY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

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Ward: Borough-wide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board's (BSAB) Annual Report 2017/18. Under the s43 (1) of the Care Act 2014 the Local Authority is required to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board. The primary objective of the Board is to help and protect adults in Bromley by co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of Board partners. The Board has an unrestricted remit in what it is able to do to achieve its objectives.
- 1.2 The Board is required, under Schedule 2 (4) the Care Act 2014 to produce an annual report outlining its achievements and those of its members in relation to the Board's strategic objectives. The Board must send a copy of the annual report to the Chief Executive of Bromley, the Leader of the Council, the Bromley Metropolitan Police Service Borough Commander, CEO of Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch.
- 1.3 Under section 44 of the Act the Board is also required to publish any findings and recommendations from any Safeguarding Adults Reviews undertaken. There were no Safeguarding Adults Reviews commissioned in 2017/18. The Safeguarding Adults Review Committee made the decision to commission a SAR in respect of one case on 29 June 2018. The Safeguarding Adults Review is currently on-going and it is anticipated that the final report will be ready to publish in December 2018. A further case has met the threshold for a SAR and the Board is currently seeking legal advice in respect of this case. This case will be reported on in the Board's 2018/19 report.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Adult Care and Health PDS Committee is requested to take note of the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board's Annual Report 2017/18.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: The Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board works to ensure that safeguarding arrangements act to help vulnerable adults in Bromley and prevent abuse and neglect where possible.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: The Board is a statutory requirement under s43 of the Care Act 2014.
 2. BBB Priority: Safe Bromley Supporting Independence
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Safeguarding Adults Board
 4. Total current budget for this head: £61,900 total budget for 2017/18
 5. Source of funding: Grant Funding
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): The team is staffed by a full-time Safeguarding Adults Board Manager and a part-time Board Administrator. The Board also pays a small contribution towards the Business Support Assistant based with the Training and Development Team.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement : It is the Board's statutory duty to produce an Annual Report under Schedule 2 (4) the Care Act 2014.
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: No Executive decision
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: The Board will need to consider procurement implications for Safeguarding Adults Reviews.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All Bromley residents.
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Ward Councillor Views

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

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Lynn Sellwood is the Independent Chair of the Board having taken on this role in March 2017. The Board fulfils its statutory obligations in ensuring that representatives from Bromley CCG and the Metropolitan Police Service attend the Board. The Board is facilitated by a broad range of representatives from across the Borough as well as two Lay Members.
- 3.2 The Board's Annual Report 2017/18 provides information regarding the work that has been undertaken from 2017/18. Specific reference is paid to our key priorities for the past year, which were Fire Safety in Homes, Self-Neglect and Hoarding and Domestic Abuse. The Board's partners have provided details about their work in respect of adult safeguarding. Further information is provided outlining the safeguarding picture in Bromley, adult safeguarding statistics, board structure and financial contributions.
- 3.3 The Board's safeguarding awareness commercial with Trading Standards and the Community Safety Team has been one of the key achievements for 2017/18. The commercial was launched at a Safeguarding Awareness Week at The Glades in February. The commercial provides the public with information on different types of abuse and how to report this. The commercial has been circulated to all partners, shared via online forums and has been distributed to GP practices and LiveSmart schemes run by Clarion Housing.
- 3.4 Other key achievements for the Board include developments with our self-neglect and hoarding work. The Self-Neglect and Hoarding Panel now meets on a monthly basis to develop a multi-agency strategy for managing complex cases of self-neglect and hoarding. The Panel are working with Community Links Bromley to develop a project plan on how to further support individuals who hoard. The Board has set up its Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Committee, with members of this Committee receiving training for this. In 2017/18, the Committee considered nine cases for the SAR, of these one case met the threshold for a SAR. A number of other cases were referred to the Board's Performance, Audit and Quality Sub-Group to identify learning which can be used to support professionals in the Borough.
- 3.5 The Board's partners remain committed to safeguarding adults in the Borough from abuse and neglect and there have been a number of key achievements to demonstrate this. The Metropolitan Police Community Safety Unit, which deals with domestic abuse offenders and hate crime, is currently in the top ten in the Metropolitan Police Service with regards to sanctioned detections. Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group has strengthened safeguarding presence within Community Health Services and other procurement processes during the commissioning process and have also appointed an Adult Safeguarding Subject Matter Expert. A number of our voluntary sector partners have made significant efforts to engage with harder to reach communities, CGL Bromley Changes have introduced a transitions protocol, which allows them to continue working with adults aged between 19- 21 before they are fully referred to adult services. Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid have established a domestic abuse service for women who are from black and minority ethnic communities.
- 3.6 The Board is required to collect safeguarding data and submit this to the NHS Digital Safeguarding Collection (SAC). The information provided helps NHS Digital gain an understanding of the safeguarding landscape for England. In 2017/18, Bromley received 612 concerns leading to a total of 276 enquiries, which is a conversion rate of 45%. The number of referrals and police merlins received from blue light services was however higher than previous years, with a total of 3,004 alerts raised. 40% of safeguarding enquiries were either wholly or partially substantiated, which is an increase on last year's 36%. In 92% of these enquiries the risk was either removed or reduced; this is higher than the national average which stands at 87%. In 94% of enquiries where the individual expressed a desired outcome, this was either partially or wholly met. Similarly, this is higher than the national average which stands at 67% of enquiries where a desired outcome is met.

3.7 With regards to the demography of individuals involved in safeguarding enquiries this remains largely the same. A person at the centre of a safeguarding enquiry is typically over 75, suffering neglect or abuse in their own home by someone known to them. In Bromley, there continues to be a significant increase in people who self-neglect or who have been subject to domestic abuse, with this making up 8% and 4% of all abuse respectively. The Care Act's recognition of more categories of abuse, has led to the first enquiries where modern day slavery and sexual exploitation have been recorded as the primary form of abuse. Other key trends have seen an increase in enquiries involving people aged 18 – 64 and over 95. There has also been a significant increase in the source of risk being identified as the service provider; this is however due to changes in the way information is recorded.