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London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

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

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

Title: BROMLEY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD 2022/23 ANNUAL REPORT

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Ward: Borough-wide

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board's (BSAB) 2022/23 Annual Report. 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) of 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 London Borough of Bromley, the Leader of the Council, the Bromley Metropolitan Police Service Borough Commander, CEO NHS South East London Integrated Care System (Bromley), Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch.
- 1.3 Under section 44 of the Care Act the Board is required to publish any findings and recommendations from any Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) undertaken. The Board took the decision during 2022/23 to commission three SARs; Ms Bubbles, Catherine and Sylvia. Further information of these are found within the annual report.
- 1.4 The Board is also required to develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute to these. The Board held a Business Development Day in October 2021 to review its current position by reflecting on the BSAB 2020-23 Strategy, and to determine the forward 2022-24 Business Plan. The annual report outlines the work achieved in relation to the Board's priority areas as outlined in its strategy.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 The Adult Care and Health PDS Committee is requested to take note of the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board's 2022/23 Annual Report.

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.

Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: The Board is a statutory requirement under S43 of the Care Act 2014.
2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (*delete as appropriate*):
 - (1) For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
 - (2) For adults and older people to enjoy fulfilled and successful lives in Bromley, ageing well, retaining independence and making choices.
 - (4) For residents to live responsibly and prosper in a safe, clean and green environment great for today and a sustainable future.

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: Not Applicable
 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 contracts an Independent Chair to lead the work of the Board; this post is committed to two working days a month (total 24days a year).
 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 completed the procurement of an independent website for the BSAB in 2020; there are annual running costs of £500 associated with this. The Board will also need to consider procurement implications for multi-agency training, as well for Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) when these are required under section 44 of the Care Act.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (*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. Teresa Bell is the Independent Chair of the Board having taken on this role in January 2021. The Board fulfils its statutory obligations in ensuring that representatives from Bromley Council, NHS South East London Integrated Care System (Bromley) and the Metropolitan Police Service attend the Board. The Board is facilitated by a broad range of representatives from across the Borough, including from the private, voluntary, and independent (PVI) sectors, as well as a Lay Member.
- 3.2. The Board's 2022/23 Annual Report provides information regarding the work that has been undertaken during the year. Specific reference is made to the following key priority areas; domestic abuse, financial abuse, self-neglect, modern day slavery, transitional care of children into adulthood, and vulnerable adults in specialist care & residential homes. Much of the work achieved is through the collective work of the Board's subgroups, which is outlined in this report.
- 3.3. The report acknowledges the completion of three Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) during the year, these include Ms Bubbles SAR, Catherine SAR, and Sylvia SAR. It also outlines how the work of the SAR subgroup contributes to wider learning for the partnership, in particular driving learning opportunities from local, regional and national SARs.
- 3.4. The Board's partner agencies have provided information on their work in respect of adult safeguarding and their agency contribution to this. Further information is provided outlining the safeguarding picture in Bromley, adult safeguarding statistics, and the Board's governance structure.
- 3.5. As part of the BSAB's co-production approach, the Board developed its forward business plan and a number of resources in easy read format, in consultation with members of the BSAB's Communications and Service User Engagement Group (CSUEG) and wider public. Further information on this is included in this report.
- 3.6. The Board is required to collect safeguarding data and submit this to the NHS Digital Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC). The information provided helps NHS Digital gain an understanding of the safeguarding landscape for England. This data is outlined in the report appendices.