

	<h2>Adults and Safeguarding Committee</h2> <h3>19 September 2017</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Barnet Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2016/17</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Chris Miller Independent Chair Barnet Safeguarding Adults Board</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>Appendix A: Barnet SAB Annual Report 2016/17</p>
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### Summary

The Barnet Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) Annual Report 2016/17 sets out how the agencies in Barnet whose services impact adults in need of care and support have cooperated to keep the vulnerable safe and promote their wellbeing.

The effective safeguarding of adults requires both operational cooperation and the good exchange of information. Barnet SAB is dedicated to keeping people safe by good interagency cooperation. We also provide an arena where mutual support is strengthened by robust and consistent challenge.

Each year the Chair of the SAB presents the Annual Report to the Adult Safeguarding Committee prior to its publication on the Council website.

### Recommendations

1. That the Committee note the information contained within the Barnet Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016/17
2. That the Committee approve the publication of the final report on the Council Website

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 The Annual Report is one of three core duties for the SAB. It must also publish a strategic plan outlining how it will meet agreed objectives and how partner agencies of the Board will contribute. Lastly it must commission safeguarding adult reviews for any cases which meet the criteria within the Care Act 2014.
- 1.2 The SAB is responsible for leading safeguarding adult arrangements across Barnet. In this role it receives assurances on the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements from partner agencies and compliance with the Care Act 2014. The Board also works hard to ensure that Making Safeguarding Personal is embedded in the culture of the Board and its partner agencies.
- 1.3 Through the sub-committees and task and finish groups of the Board, partner agencies are enabled to work collaboratively to help prevent abuse and neglect, and to respond quickly and effectively where neglect or abuse have taken place.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Barnet SAB Annual Report comes to the Adults and Safeguarding Committee as part of the requirement of the Care Act 2014 to send the report to the establishing local authority.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 Not applicable.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 All Boards and Governing Bodies of partner agencies of the SAB will review and consider the report following the 12 October 2017 meeting of the Barnet Safeguarding Adult Board.
- 4.2 Following approval it will be published on the Barnet Council website. It will be sent to Barnet Healthwatch as a statutory requirement. An easy read version will be made available.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

The Annual Report 2016/17 reinforces the commitment of the Corporate Plan to ensure the effective safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 Existing financial commitments are accounted for within current budgets.
- 5.2.2 Barnet Council committed a £61,761 contribution to the SAB in 2016/17. At the July meeting of the Board all partners agreed to match the 2016/17 funding contributions for 2017/18.

### **5.3 Social Value**

- 5.3.1 The social value of the report is reflected in the commitment and applications of core principles of safeguarding.

### **5.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.1 The responsibilities of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee are contained within the Council's Constitution – Section 15 Responsibility for Functions (Annex A). Specific responsibilities for those powers, duties and functions of the Council in relation to Adults and Communities include the following specific functions:

- Promoting the best possible ASC services.
- Working with partners on the Health and Well-being Board to ensure that social care interventions are effectively and seamlessly joined up with public health and healthcare, and promote the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its associated sub strategies.
- Ensuring the Council's safeguarding responsibilities are taken into account.

- 5.4.1 There is a duty under the Care Act 2014 to produce a report annually in respect of its Adult Safeguarding duties.

#### **The Care Act (Schedule 2.4 (1) a – g) defines the minimum content of an annual report as:**

- What it has done during that year to achieve its objective,
- What it has done during that year to implement its strategy,
- What each member has done during that year to implement the strategy,
- The findings of the reviews arranged by it under section 44
- The reviews arranged by it under that section which are ongoing at the end of that year (whether or not they began in that year),
- What it has done during that year to implement the findings of reviews arranged by it under that section, and where it decides during that year not to implement a finding of a review.

### **5.5 Risk Management**

- 5.5.1 The SAB maintains a risk register and work undertaken to support the SAB is managed within the Council's risk management framework.

### **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.6.1 The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups.
- Foster good relations between people from different groups.

5.6.1 The protected characteristics are:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation.

5.6.2 The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day to day business and to keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services.

## **5.7 Consultation and Engagement**

5.7.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board consults and engages with service users through the Safeguarding Adults Service Users Forum. The work of this forum is incorporated in the Annual Report.

## **5.8 Insight**

5.8.1 Not applicable.

## **5.8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

5.9 Barnet Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2015/16

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/adult-social-care/get-involved/Partnership-boards-archives/safeguarding-adults-board-annual-report.html>