



Although a formal committee of Brighton & Hove City Council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Adults and Healthwatch.

Title:	Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board, Annual Report, 2018/19	
Date of Meeting:	12 November 2019	
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Wards Affected:	All	
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Executive Summary

The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board (B&H SAB) comprises senior representatives from statutory and non-statutory agencies and organisations in Brighton & Hove with a responsibility for safeguarding adults with care and support needs. The Board co-ordinates local safeguarding activity. It ensures the effectiveness of local work by:

- Monitoring and scrutinising what is done by our partner agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults with care and support needs
- Undertaking Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and other multi-agency



learning reviews, audits and qualitative reviews as well as sharing learning opportunities

- Collecting and analysing safeguarding data
- Drawing evidence from the testimony of adults with care and support needs and frontline professionals
- Publishing an annual report

This annual report outlines progress the B&H SAB has made over the last year in respect to safeguarding adults with care and support needs. It covers the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

Glossary of Terms

CE –Criminal Exploitation

HASC – Health and Adult Social Care

SA –Sexual Abuse

SAB –Safeguarding Adults Board

SAR – Safeguarding Adult Review

SARC –Sexual Abuse Referral Centre

SE- Sexual Exploitation

1. Decisions, recommendations and any options

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Note the report and commends partner agencies for their contribution to safeguarding adults with care and support needs.
- 1.2 Note SAB achievements and challenges on pages 9 & 10.

2. Relevant information

- 2.1 It is a statutory requirement for the SAB to publish an annual report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for adults with care and support needs in the local area.
- 2.2 The B&H SAB has continued to work in partnership with member agencies to safeguard adults with care and support needs, and to minimise any adverse consequences of abuse.
 - 2.3.1 In summary this year:
 - We conducted a multi-agency audit of cases to evaluate the effectiveness of the application of the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice. The aims of the audit were to assess how well agencies apply the principles of the Mental Capacity Act when assessing mental capacity and making ‘best interests’ decisions. The audit also looked at the effectiveness of multi-agency working.

- We completed a Learning Review for ‘D’ and began an Action Plan based on the key recommendations which includes:
 - The Board seeking assurance around the local housing commissioning arrangements,
 - The Board reviewing multi agency communications and pathways relating to Complex needs and “high risk” case management
 - The Board to seeking assurance that agencies’ risk assessments and risk management is being undertaken in dynamic way and in line with policies and procedures.
- We commissioned a new safeguarding adult review: ‘AW’, which involved a man who died unexpectedly while in treatment with a local substance misuse service. We will explore the finding of this review in next years’ Annual Report.
- Last year’s report provided information about a SAR concerning Adult X – a homeless individual. This year we completed the action plan developed in response to this SAR.
- Through the strategic safeguarding self-assessment process, we have tested how agencies embed safeguarding in their services so they are better placed to manage risk of abuse and neglect. We have strengthened the safeguarding assessment process to include questions on how agencies are Making Safeguarding Personal.
- The SAB Website and our Twitter account have gone some way to supporting the public in understanding the role and remit of the board. We have continued to share news and links about good safeguarding practice on Twitter, where we have over 300 followers.
- Through our joint Exploitation Group, the SAB has been working in collaboration with the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and the Safeguarding Children Partnership (BHSCP) to raise awareness of Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation (VVE) in the Brighton and Hove area.
- We have endorsed the [Hoarding Framework](#) developed by East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS). This significant document sets out the expectations for collaborative multi-agency working for any professional coming into contact with someone who is hoarding. We are now working with our ESFRS to increase the number of referrals we receive around this, so agencies can respond sensitively yet effectively.

- We have developed a robust process to easily share audit findings and/or recommendations widely with staff across the safeguarding partnership which is both quick to digest and informative.

3. Important considerations and implications

Legal:

Schedule 2 to The Care Act 2014 requires the SAB to publish an annual report and provide a copy of the same to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Lawyer consulted: Sandra O'Brien

Date: 02/10/19

Finance:

The Brighton and Hove SAB has an agreed budget with multi-agency funding and received the following contributions in financial year 2018/19; the Local Authority £0.037m, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex £0.010m and Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group £0.012m.

These contributions cover the running costs of the board and the expenditure is detailed on page 7 of the annual report.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton

Date: 01/10/2019

Equalities:

The SAB through the City Council and other partner agencies will continue to work to ensure people with care and support needs and their carers have access to safeguarding services – particularly those who are less able to communicate due to age, disability, language or for other reasons. The work of the Board contributes to improved community cohesion. Where reviews recommend ways to better meet needs of people sharing a protected characteristic these are provided to the relevant organisations, implemented and monitored.

Equalities Manager consulted: Anna Spragg

Date: 04/10/19

Sustainability:

The SAB is a statutory requirement. It needs to be appropriately resourced to fulfil its statutory obligations.

Supporting documents and information

Appendix1: B&H SAB Annual Report 2018-19.