

REPORT TO:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (CROYDON) 19 October 2016
AGENDA ITEM:	9
SUBJECT:	The safeguarding adults annual report
BOARD SPONSOR:	Barbara Peacock, executive director of people, Croydon Council
BOARD PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report fulfils a statutory obligation that Local Authorities have under the Care Act of 2014 to produce an annual report on safeguarding. The report is required under Schedule 2.4 of the Act to describe activities on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 (safeguarding adults reviews) which have concluded in that year (whether or not they began in that year), •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 arranged by it under that section, the reasons for its decision. <p>Secondly the safeguarding efforts and activities of Board Member agencies are also included in the report as required by the Act.</p>	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 This report recommends that the Health and Wellbeing Board are aware of the Croydon Safeguarding Adult Board report and provide comment if required.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The purpose of the reports is to detail the activity and effectiveness of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB) and the Croydon Safeguarding Adult Board (CSAB) between April 2015 and March 2016. The reports are submitted by the independent chair of the Safeguarding Boards, which ensures that the Council and other agencies are given objective feedback on the effectiveness of local arrangements for safeguarding children and adults. The reports also include the Strategic Plan objectives for 2016/17. The reports set out the key priorities for the Boards for the current year.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Adults' Annual Safeguarding Report is due for presentation at the Adults Social Services Review Panel on 11th October 2016. It is an important function of Council's oversight of this vital activity that the safeguarding activity of our most vulnerable residents is given rigorous scrutiny by elected members.
- 3.2 The report is introduced by the Independent Chair of the Board, Sarah Baker. The independence of the Chair ensures that agencies receive the challenge and scrutiny required to ensure improvement. The report gives a comprehensive update on the multi-agency activity to safeguard adults.
- 3.3 The report identifies that key areas of development during the year April 2015 - March 2016 have been: Safeguarding Adult Reviews & Ensuring compliance to the Care Act 2014.
- 3.4 The report includes data on safeguarding adults' referrals and activity. The headline data sets include:
- 40% of safeguarding occurs for those who are over the age of 75
 - 65% of all referrals went for a Section 42 enquiry
 - 10% of Enquiries were substantiated
 - Females had a 25% higher frequency of being a safeguarding client than males
 - There is low referral numbers from the Asian Bangladeshi community and the Asian Chinese community
 - The "own home" remains the physical location most likely to be abused (60% of cases) whereas a care home setting was second most likely (25% of cases)

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Members of the CSAB have been consulted in this report.

5. SERVICE INTEGRATION

- 5.1 There are no issues or regard for service integration

6. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal implications

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.1 A key priority for the Council is ensuring we work with our partners to make Croydon a stronger and fairer place for all our communities. The impact of the proposals that have been and / or will be delivered through the structures outlined in this report are expected to have a positive impact on residents with different protected characteristics, in particular older people (p.11 & p.19 of the

report), women (p.11 of the report) and the BME communities (p.11 & p.19 of the report).

- 8.2 Quality assurance data provided in the annual report is designed as a summary set of information and is provided at a high level, without detailed breakdown of groups with various protected characteristics. However, as a multi-agency Board, and with an independent identity (p4 of report), the new performance dashboard will still enable the Croydon Safeguarding Adults Board to assess its impact against the Council's Equality Policy (2016/20) and statutory Equality Objectives (2016/20).
- 8.3 Although partner agencies cannot be held accountable to these, as statutory agencies they will have their distinctive organisational equality objectives and policies, under the Public Sector Equality Duty.
- 8.4 The equality objectives for 2016-20 with which this work is particularly aligned are on community safety (domestic abuse), and social isolation.
- 8.5 It also aligns with the Independence and Liveability objectives of the Corporate Plan.
- 8.6 Going forward, the Board will need to consider which agency carries the corporate risk to show 'due regard', under the Public Sector Equality Duty of the Equality Act, as and when projects and programmes arise from the work of Croydon Safeguarding Adults Board.
- 8.7 Quality assurance data provided in the annual review report is designed as a summary set of information and is provided at a high level, without detailed breakdown of groups with various protected characteristics. However, needs assessment, quality assurance and performance information provided to the LSCB on an ongoing basis does report upon some equalities characteristics for vulnerable children. Gender and age data is routinely considered and it is acknowledged that practice in relation to the full range of equalities characteristics needs to be further strengthened in the period ahead.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None