

CABINET	DATE 18 September 2024	ITEM NO 10
TITLE Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023-24	WARD (S) All	
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Health and Adult Services	CABINET MEMBER Health, Adult Social Care and Borough of Sanctuary	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION <i>Non-Key</i> <i>Non-exempt</i>	IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING? Yes	

1. **Decision required**

This report makes the following recommendations to the decision-maker:

- 1.1 Note the 2023/24 Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report.

2. **Links to Our Greenwich missions**

- 2.1 This report relates to the Council's agreed missions as follows:

- People's health supports them in living their best life
- People will not experience discrimination
- Those in financial need can access the right support, advice and opportunities to improve their situation
- Everyone in Greenwich is safer, and feels safer
- The voluntary, community and socially motivated sectors in Greenwich are strengthened and able to provide more support to the most in need
- Our Council is better at listening to communities, and communities feel they are heard.

The council missions align with the visions and strategy of the Safeguarding Adults Board are set out in the Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Strategy 2024 - 2027 along with the 6 key principles of safeguarding defined in the Care Act 2014. The vision and principles must at all times underpin the work of the partnership and of the organisations that make up the partnership. They provide a foundation on which all agencies will establish their safeguarding arrangements and will support a rationale for effective mutual challenge. The Board will ensure that the voice of service users is heard throughout its work.

3. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 3.1 The Annual Report informs Cabinet of the effectiveness of local arrangements for safeguarding adults and actions being taken across agencies to strengthen them.

4. **Introduction and Background**

- 4.1 The Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership of representatives from statutory agencies and other non-statutory partner organisations.

- 4.2 Under the Care Act 2014, there is a clear legal framework for local authorities and other statutory agencies for safeguarding adults. It is a statutory requirement for each area to have in place a Safeguarding Adults Board. The Safeguarding Adults Board has three statutory functions; to develop an annual strategic plan, produce and publish an annual report and arrange Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

- 4.3 The Annual Report summarises the work of the board during 2023/24.

- 4.4 The Safeguarding Adults Board has met quarterly (virtually) over the past year. The work of the Board is supported by several sub-groups that are responsible for delivering the activity to achieve the Board's priorities.

- 4.5 There were no Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR) published this year; however there is a Joint safeguarding adult's review and child safeguarding practice review underway and an additional 3 cases which were deemed to meet the threshold for a SAR. The board also requested assurance reports from partners in relation to recommendations from published SARs. In addition the Board held a series of SAR learning events throughout the year to share the learning and identify what further work needs to be done.

- 4.6 The Safeguarding Adults Board held a safeguarding adults week which delivered workshops and learning events across the partnership, this included hosting a Safeguarding Adults Conference hub with residents with a learning disability.

- 4.7 The board produced a person in position of trust policy (Pipot) which was agreed by the board and published on the website.

- 4.8 The Board has engaged with the new self-neglect and hoarding pilot which includes 4 streams including a multi-agency panel, a support group, a strategic group as well as a training and awareness training session.
- 4.9 Throughout the year the board has sought assurances from statutory agencies regarding arrangements for safeguarding.
- 4.10 The Safeguarding Adults Board also held a development event on 22nd February 2024 to develop a new strategic plan for the next three years.
- 4.11 Some of the priorities for the board for 2024-25 are:
- Specific focus on self-neglect and hoarding
 - Ensuring clear policy and pathways specifically in relation to homelessness.
 - Expanding user engagement across the borough to ensure the voice of lived experience are heard.

5. **Available Options**

- 5.1 It is recommended that Cabinet acknowledges the work undertaken by the Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board over the past year and makes any comments which may assist the board in assuring itself of the effectiveness of safeguarding for adults in the borough going forward.

6. **Preferred Option**

- 6.1 It is recommended that Cabinet acknowledges the work undertaken by the Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board over the past year and makes any comments which may assist the board in assuring itself of the effectiveness of safeguarding for adults in the borough going forward.

7. **Reasons for Recommendations**

- 7.1 It is recommended that Cabinet acknowledges the work undertaken by the Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board over the past year and makes any comments which may assist the board in assuring itself of the effectiveness of safeguarding for adults in the borough going forward.

8. **Consultation Results**

- 8.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board have agreed the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report on 13th June 2024.

9. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications**

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
<p>Legal including Human Rights Act</p>	<p>This report recommends cabinet to acknowledge the work undertaken by Royal Greenwich safeguarding Adults Board over the past year and make any comments. The annual report summarises the work of the board during 2023-2024.</p> <p>The Care Act 2014 places statutory safeguarding duties on local authorities. Section 43 of the Act places a duty on Local Authorities to establish a multi-agency Safeguarding Adults Board with the key objective of ensuring adults within the Local Authority’s area are protected from abuse and neglect and the risk of abuse and neglect. The Act requires the Board to produce an annual strategic plan, publish an annual report and undertake safeguarding adults review in certain circumstances.</p> <p>Paragraphs 14.155 to 14.160 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance set out the requirements for the Safeguarding Adults Board annual report. The report must clearly state what the Board has done to carry out and deliver the strategic plan, it must provide information about any safeguarding adults reviews and it must set out how the Board is monitoring progress against its policies and intentions within the strategic plan. The Board should have considered a number of factors as listed in the Statutory Guidance at paragraph 14.157 before reaching any conclusions</p>	<p>Andre De Freitas, Assistant Head of Legal Services 27/06/2024</p>

	<p>within the Annual Report. These include community awareness of adult abuse and neglect, the impact of any training, inter-agency co-operation and collaboration, the links with other parts of the system such as children's safeguarding, domestic violence and community safety.</p>	
<p>Finance and other resources</p>	<p>This report requests Cabinet to note the 2023/24 Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report which lays out the effectiveness of local arrangements for safeguarding adults and the actions that are being undertaken to further strengthen them.</p> <p>There are no financial implications arising from this report</p>	<p>Fran May Business Change accountant 26/6/2024 Reviewed by Samina Yasir Accountancy Business Change manager 26/06/24</p>
<p>Equalities</p>	<p>The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.</p> <p>This report supports the Council's Equality and Equity Charter and is in line with the Council's Equality Objectives 2020-2024.</p>	<p>Helen Bonnewell, Safeguarding Adults Board Manager- 18/06/2024</p>
<p>Climate change</p>	<p>This report has no impact on the Greenwich carbon neutral plan, as agreed by Cabinet on 18th November 2020.</p>	<p>Helen Bonnewell, Safeguarding Adults Board Manger- 18/06/2024</p>
<p>Risk Management</p>	<p>There are no risks relating to this report.</p>	<p>Helen Bonnewell, Safeguarding Adults Board</p>

	<p>Under the Care Act 2014, there is a clear legal framework for local authorities and other statutory agencies for safeguarding adults. It is a statutory requirement for each area to have in place a Safeguarding Adults Board. The Safeguarding Adults Board has three statutory functions; to develop an annual strategic plan, produce and publish an annual report and arrange Safeguarding Adults Reviews.</p> <p>The Board is funded by partner contributions.</p>	<p>Manger 18/06/2024</p>
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10. **Report Appendices**

10.1 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- *Appendix A: Safeguarding Adults Board Annal report 2023-24*

11. **Background Papers**

None

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