

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Healthy Communities Scrutiny Sub-Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Southwark Safeguarding Adults Board Report 2013-2014	
<b>Wards or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Deborah Klee, Independent Chair of Southwark Safeguarding Adults Board	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The sub-committee is requested to:

Note the Annual Southwark Safeguarding Adults Board Report at appendix 1.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Annual Report was agreed by the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board in January 2015. The Board includes representatives from the local authority, NHS, Metropolitan Police, and community organisations.
3. Statutory guidance No Secrets (2000) requires the Local Authority to convene a Safeguarding Adults Board to determine policy, co-ordinate activity between agencies, facilitate joint training, and monitor and review progress in achieving stated aims and objectives. The Board has an independent chair. The current chair has been in post since January 2014 and this is her first annual report to the Board.
4. This report is one of the methods whereby the Safeguarding Adults Board enables challenge and transparency across the multiagency partnership in Southwark. This report relates to the work of the Board and its partner agencies in the year 2013-2014. Agencies represented on the Board have contributed to the writing of the Report and have commented on the final draft.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

5. The report provides information on the activity and effectiveness of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership as it has responded to both national initiatives and legal changes and local circumstances in order to better safeguard adults at risk in Southwark.
6. The report describes how the Southwark Safeguarding Adults Partnership has responded to the demands of the Care Act 2014. It outlines the local initiatives to deliver local care to people with learning disabilities who challenge services that the Winterbourne Hospital Review and Concordat requires. The report also describes the local initiatives to promote compassionate care demanded by the Francis report on

Mid-Staffordshire Hospital.

7. The report includes details of the quality strategy for residential and nursing care homes developed by the Safeguarding Partnership in conjunction with My Home Life and provider partners.
8. 2012 – 2013 highlighted a comparatively high percentage of alleged abuse carried out by social care workers in Southwark. As a result of the quality strategy and better monitoring of care provided in care homes and the person's own home numbers of allegations of abuse by social care workers have fallen by 4% and are now below the national and comparator group median.
9. In April 2013 local authorities became the statutory supervisory body for all Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) authorisations. In March 2014 the Supreme Court gave additional clarification of DoLS which effectively widened the circumstances under which a person could be seen as being deprived of their liberty. This led to an immediate significant increase in referrals for authorisation. This challenge will continue.
10. A multi-agency thresholds document has been produced by the Safeguarding Adults Team to assist staff in determining whether allegations should become safeguarding enquiries. This was adopted by the Board in March 2014
11. Arrangements have been put in place to ensure the 2014-2015 Annual report will be produced and circulated earlier.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

12. This report outlines development areas for the coming twelve months to improve the work of the Board and ensure compliance with the Care Act 2014. These are:
  - Develop Three Year Strategy and annual work plan for the Safeguarding Adults Board
  - Establish subgroups with realistic work plans to deliver the work required.
  - Ensure partners and providers are aware of the widening of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Criteria and create resources to deal with the increased workload including training more qualified best interest assessors
  - Ensure all partners and providers are aware of their wider responsibilities under the Care Act 2005 (e.g. best interest decisions) through provision of appropriate training in all sectors, such that the Board is in a strong position to take on its statutory role in 2015.

- Develop a protocol and forum for joint work with the Southwark Safeguarding Children's Board, the Safer Southwark Partnership and the Health and Well-being Board
- Carry out a qualitative and process audit of safeguarding adults practice

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

13. The work of the Safeguarding Adults Board is consistent with the Council's Farer Future priorities as stated in the four-year Council Plan.

## **COMMUNITY AND EQUALITIES STATEMENT**

14. The work of the Safeguarding Adults Board particularly affects adults at risk/vulnerable adults and their families. It is a partnership set up under statutory guidance to ensure effective safeguarding of adults at risk in Southwark and ensure accountability of partner agencies.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. The Safeguarding Adults Board is set up under statutory guidance contained in No Secrets (2000). From April 2015 it will be a statutory board as a result of provisions contained within the Care Act 2014

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The activities of the Safeguarding Adults Board are currently wholly funded by Southwark Council

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
No Secrets (2000)		John Emery
Winterbourne Hospital Review and Concordat (2012)		John Emery
Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Inquiry Report (2013)		John Emery
Care Quality Commission; State of Care 2013-2014		John Emery
Health and Social care Information Centre: Safeguarding Adults Report England 2013-2014		John Emery

## **APPENDICES**

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Southwark Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report 2013-2014

#### AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments Included</b>
Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Children's and Adults' Services	No	No
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