

Item No. 15.	Classification: Open	Date: 31 January 2016	Meeting Name: Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		Southwark Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report 2015-16	
Wards or groups affected:		All	
From:		Michael O' Connor, Independent Chair, Southwark Safeguarding Adult Board	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to note the annual Southwark Safeguarding Adult Board (SSAB) report at appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. This report relates to the work of the Board and its partner agencies in the financial year 2015-16. All agencies represented on the Board have contributed to the writing of this report and had an opportunity to comment. The Annual Report was agreed by the SSAB in December 2016.
3. A protocol has also been agreed between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the SSAB as it is acknowledged that these two boards have a common purpose to promote joint working and co-operation between partners to improve the wellbeing of adults at risk of abuse or neglect in Southwark.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The SSAB Annual Report 2015-16 describes the effectiveness of partnership safeguarding activity undertaken over the past year. The priorities were identified to set the direction of the strategic partnership, in its efforts to ensure that Southwark safeguarding arrangements and organisations work to protect local adults at risk of abuse or neglect. The priorities included;
 - Assurance that practice improves outcomes and service user experiences
 - Empowerment: Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)
 - Learning from practice
 - Embedding Mental Capacity Act (MCA)
 - Safeguarding vulnerable people
5. Throughout the course of 2015/16, the SSAB convened four times. Meetings were used to address a range of areas, including (but not limited to) –
 - the role of the Board and how its membership supports it to meet its statutory duties
 - partnership readiness to meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014
 - progress against the above five priorities
 - themes including; voice of the user, Female Genital Mutilation and Prevent

- case presentations
 - performance, safeguarding compliance and quality audits
 - current safeguarding concerns, national and local policy and practice issues
6. The work of the SSAB in 2015/16 provided a benchmark for the work that will continue in forthcoming years. Looking ahead, in 2016/17 the partnership will focus on;
- Improving service user engagement
 - Examining the evidence of impact (using methods such as audits)
 - Implementing a refreshed governance structure to include the community safety agenda
 - Developing a performance management framework to enable the Board to effectively monitor progress
 - Launching a new *DoLS Authorisation Policy*
 - Developing Best Interest Assessments
 - Recruiting a named GP for Safeguarding Adults

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Southwark Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015/6

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Michael O'Connor, Chair of the Safeguarding Board	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
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