

<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>  Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board – Annual Report 2022-2023	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Executive Director, Adults and Health	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE</b> 18 December 2023
<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b> The Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (SAPB) annual report is a statutory requirement under Section 43(5) and Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014. The 2022/23 annual report sets out the work undertaken over that year and the achievements of its partner agencies. The full report is attached at Appendix A  <b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b> No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.  <b>Contact Officer:</b> Patricia Cox Safeguarding Adults Board Manager 5 Pancras Square London, N1C 4AG 020 7974 5989 <a href="mailto:patricia.cox@camden.gov.uk">patricia.cox@camden.gov.uk</a>  Christabel Shawcross Independent Chair of the SAPB 7th Floor, 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG Telephone: 020 7974 6335	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b> That the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee comment on and note the content of the Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Annual Report for 2022/23.	

Signed:

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Jess McGregor, Executive Director, Adults and Health

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This report gives an overview of the content of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (referred to as “SAPB” or “Board” hereinafter in this report) Annual Report for 2022-23, which is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.2. The Board is a statutory body composed of partner organisations that meet on a quarterly basis. SAPBs must have certain statutory agencies in their membership, with these defined as the local authority, police and the Clinical Commissioning Group. The membership also includes representation from non-statutory agencies, which in Camden includes members of the Voluntary Sector, London Fire Brigade (Camden), Probation, Camden & Islington Mental Health Trust and representatives from the major hospitals in Camden.
- 1.3. The aim of the Board is to oversee, assure, improve and co-ordinate how local partners safeguard and promote the welfare of adults with care and support needs. Operational aspects of the Board’s business plan and strategy are implemented through sub-groups, which partners lead and contribute to.
- 1.4. All the work of the Board is supported by the Board Manager, Patricia Cox and Aysha Sparks/Carole Demol, the Board Officer.

## **2. Purpose of the Report**

- 2.1. The Board is required by law, under the Care Act 2014<sup>1</sup>, to produce an annual report each year. The Care Act 2014 sets out a clear legal framework for how local authorities and other parts of the system should protect adults with care and support needs (referred to as “adults” hereafter in this report). The Board must:
  - Publish an annual report in line with specific requirements in the Care Act.
  - Develop and publish a 5-year Strategy Plan 2023-2028 setting out how the Board will meet its strategic duties and how members and partner agencies will contribute to it.
  - Meet on a regular basis and obtain assurances from all partner agencies of the work they are doing to safeguard vulnerable adults.
  - Arrange Safeguarding Adult Reviews for any cases which meet the criteria detailing the findings, recommendations, and learning.
- 2.2. Each year the annual report must be provided to:
  - The chief executive and the leader of the authority
  - The local policing body.
  - The local Healthwatch organisation for the local authority’s area and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

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<sup>1</sup> [Care Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

### **3. Report Summary**

- 3.1. The Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report starts with an introduction and message from the Safeguarding Board Independent Chair, Christabel Shawcross. Then gives an overview of the Board's responsibilities, explanation of the different types of abuse and a list of the 6 principles of safeguarding taken from the Care Act 2014, the Board governance and the Board partners.
- 3.2. The report then follows with the demographic make-up of Camden's population, looking at deprivation, health outcomes and who in Camden is at risk of abuse and neglect, what types of abuse people experienced, and how we protected people. The report then highlights the Safeguarding Adults Reviews conducted, its findings and actions taken. It then goes on to the section where Board partner agencies give their contribution of what they have done during 2022-2023 and their top priorities for the coming year 2023-2024.
- 3.3. The SAPB highlight the work that has been done in the year, the difference it has made and the SAPB priorities. The SAPB priorities for 2023-2024 is also included. In Appendix 1, the data is reviewed concerning the numbers and types of abuse incidents including by demographics.
- 3.4. The report covers how the board have overseen and led safeguarding in 2022-2023:
  - For the SAPB 2022-23 was a time to reflect as well as develop a new strategy. The SAPB facilitated 5-year strategy consultation during summer 2022. The community were asked to let us know "*What are your top 3 priorities for promoting awareness of abuse and prevention?*". The results from the consultation helped to inform the SAPB strategy and confirm the priorities and create the action plan to take forward for the next 5 years.
  - Continued work on the Cuckooing guidance and flow chart was made and since it's publication it has been shared with the London SAPB networks. Practitioners and front-line staff have attended workshops to raise more awareness.
  - Bringing more awareness to the workforce of the SAPB, it's statutory duties and priorities for the next 5 years. The Board Manager and Independent Chair co-hosted an "Open House" session, facilitated by Adult Social Care. It was attended by practitioners and front-line workers in Adult Social Care and the aim was to connect the work of the SAPB and its priorities to the safeguarding practices of the practitioners and front-line staff.

### **4. Publication of the SAPB annual report 2022/2023**

- 4.1. SAPB annual report is due to be published in January 2024 and is attached as Appendix A

### **5. Finance Comments of the Executive Director, Corporate Services**

5.1. The Director of Finance has reviewed the report, and his comments have been incorporated.

**6. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor**

6.1. The Borough Solicitor has been consulted and has no comments to add to this report.

**7. Environmental Implications**

7.1. There are no identified environmental implications from the contents of this report.

**8. Appendices**

8.1. Appendix A – Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board annual report 2022/23

**REPORT ENDS**