

<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2024/25</b>
<b>For Consideration By</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Meeting Date</b>	21 Jan 2026
<b>Classification</b>	Public or Non-Public (delete as applicable)
<b><u>Ward(s) Affected</u></b>	All
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Is this report for:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information to note	<input type="checkbox"/>	For actions to be allocated
<input type="checkbox"/>	For Discussion & input	<input type="checkbox"/>	For escalation (if issue is outwith Remit of HWB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision		

Why is the report being brought to the board? ***In three bullet points or less***

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this report is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for information</li> <li>• to provide assurance on the work of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board and</li> <li>• to increase awareness of safeguarding activity, learning, and priorities across the wider partnership.</li> </ul>
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Provide a succinct summary of the issue here:

<p>The City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (the Board) is a statutory board required under s43 of the Care Act 2014. The Board has three statutory functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop and publish a strategic plan outlining how the Board will meet its objectives</li> <li>2. Publish an annual report detailing the safeguarding achievements for that financial year</li> </ol>
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3. Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria

This report outlines the annual report for 2024/25. It focuses on the principles underpinning the strategy, its strategic priorities, key achievements and data for 2024/25.

Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council or other stakeholders?

The CHSAB Annual Report was agreed by the City and Hackney SAB, and presented for information to various different committee meetings across both the City of London and the London Borough of Hackney.

1. **Background**

- 1.1. The City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (the Board) is a statutory board required under s43 of the Care Act 2014.
- 1.2. One of the statutory duties of the Board is to complete an annual report outlining what it has achieved in respect of adult safeguarding in the previous year.
- 1.3. This report outlines the key achievements of the Board, areas for further development as well as what the Board will prioritise in the forthcoming year.
- 1.4. An overview of the safeguarding data for the London Borough of Hackney is also included for reference.

2. **Current position**

- 2.1. The City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership, represented by statutory and non-statutory stakeholders.
- 2.2. The role of the Board is to assure itself that robust safeguarding procedures are in place across the City and Hackney to protect adults with care and support needs who are at risk of abuse and neglect.
- 2.3. Where abuse and neglect does occur the Board and its partners are committed to tackling this and promoting person centred care for all adults experiencing abuse or neglect.
- 2.4. The annual report sets out an appraisal of safeguarding adults' activity across the City of London and Hackney in 2024/25.

3. **Some of the key achievements for the Board in 2024/25 include:**

- 3.1. The Board commissions a package of training for frontline line staff working across the City and Hackney on a yearly basis. This year the Board commissioned 8 safeguarding courses delivered quarterly throughout the year. Courses on offer included the following:
  - Safeguarding awareness training (webinar).

- Trauma informed approaches to safeguarding (in person).
  - Safeguarding, Self-neglect & Hoarding (webinar).
  - Safeguarding Adults Workshop for Manager & Safeguarding Leads (webinar).
  - SAMs – Exploring the Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of Safeguarding Adult Managers (webinar).
  - SAE – Undertaking S42 Safeguarding Enquiries (webinar).
  - Safeguarding, mental health and social isolation (webinar).
- 3.2. In total, over 150 people attended the various different training sessions on offer.
- 3.3. The Board organised a series of events throughout the whole month of November, in recognition of Safeguarding Adults Week. These included events on intergenerational domestic abuse, modern slavery and organised immigration crime as well as a session with the Department for Work and Pensions around the move to Universal Credit and supporting vulnerable residents throughout this transition.
- 3.4. Board partners undertook a self assessment using the Safeguarding Adult Partnership Assessment Tool in Feb 2025, which was analysed by the Board Manager and used as evidence to help guide discussions during the Boards Development Day in April 2025.
- 3.5. The Chair of the Board hosted a Patient Panel on Safeguarding in the City of London which was open to residents and explained what safeguarding means, how to raise concerns, and what role the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board plays. This event empowered community members to protect vulnerable adults and clearly communicated important contact points and procedures.
- 3.6. In 2024/25, the Board published two discretionary Safeguarding Adults Reviews:
- JL: The discretionary Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) into the death of JL was commissioned by the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) in June 2023 to complement a local learning review by Adult Social Care services in Hackney. The review recommended strengthening input from housing partners within the Board as well as reviewing the Board's Escalation Policy.
  - Steve: The discretionary Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) into the death of 'Steve' was commissioned by the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) in November 2023. A practitioners event for the 'Steve' SAR was held in July 2024, providing practitioners an opportunity to provide insight and contribute to the review, as well as draw out learning to help inform the recommendations. A further learning event was held in November 2024 for the 'Steve' SAR, where attendees were able to hear a synopsis of the review, understand the challenges that occurred in supporting 'Steve' and focus on research

findings relating to the recommendations that were made; namely palliative care and mental capacity for people that are homeless.

#### 4. **Key facts and/or data**

- 4.1. Key data was collected in relation to safeguarding for the London Borough of Hackney
- 4.2. 1780 safeguarding concerns were raised. The number of these concerns accepted as section 42 enquiries (538) is generally in line with the previous two years (a little lower, and S42 Enquiries concluded in 2024-25 period is also lower).
- 4.3. The most common form of abuse reported continues to be self-neglect, which makes up 28.2% of concerns reported. Financial or Material Abuse and Neglect and Acts of Omission make up the second and third most common types of abuse (a reversal in 2nd and 3rd place since last year).
- 4.4. The proportion of concerns broken down by ethnicity for 2024/25 remains very similar to previous years. The most concerns continue to relate to adults from a White or Black African, Caribbean, or British background, and generally consistent with the demographic profile of the borough.
- 4.5. The Board has set itself the following strategic priorities for 2025/26:
  - Develop and Implement a Community Engagement Strategy
  - Establish a Multi-Agency Dashboard and Conduct regular multi-agency audits
  - Ensure Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and Other Reviews are complete in a timely manner and learning is shared.
  - Implement the updated London Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) Pan-London Adult Safeguarding Policies and Procedure.
  - Improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness by preventing abuse and neglect and strengthening safeguarding responses.
  - Minimise the risk of self-neglect and strengthen our multi-agency response.
  - Minimise the risk of and strengthen our multi-agency response to financial abuse.

#### 5. **Conclusions**

The CHSAB Annual Report 2024/25 has been signed off by the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board and has been published on the relevant webpages.

#### 6. **Recommendations**

There are no recommendations to be brought to the attention of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

7. **Policy Context**

Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improving mental health
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing social connection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting greater financial security
<input type="checkbox"/>	All of the above

Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy 'Ways of Working' this report relates to?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strengthening our communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creating, supporting and working with volunteer and peer roles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Collaborations and partnerships: including at a neighbourhood level
<input type="checkbox"/>	Making the best of community resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	All of the above

8. **Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

Has an EIA been conducted for this work?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
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9. **Consultation**

Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

Have the relevant members/ organisations and officers been consulted on the recommendations in this report?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

10. **Risk Assessment**

N/A

11. **Sustainability**

N/A

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Appendices	<a href="#">CHSAB Annual Report 2024-25</a>