

# HAVERING SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD



## **This is what we do**

### **Our Goals**

The Safeguarding Adults Board oversees the strategic development of safeguarding adults work in Havering and is responsible for protecting each person's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.

### **Lead local work to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of adults at risk from harm. The Board will:**

- Make policy and procedures to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults at risk from significant harm and link safeguarding work to the wider strategic partnership agenda for all adults
- Promote and support safeguarding adults' services and take part in the service planning and improvement
- Publicise and communicate the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults at risk from harm
- Make sure that people know what abuse is, how to recognise the signs of abuse and what they can do to seek help
- Focus on the core protection agenda and the requirements of the Care Act 2014 to working together to prevent, identify, investigate and respond appropriately and quickly to the abuse or potential for of adults at risk from harm
- Value personal choice and preferences and support the right of the individual to lead an independent life
- Recognise that choice can involve risk, and ensure that such risk is understood by all concerned, and minimised where possible

- Ensure that when the right to an independent lifestyle and choice is at risk the individual concerned receives appropriate help, including advice, advocacy protection and support from relevant agencies
- Guide, direct and contribute to the Board's sub groups
- Champion good practice and not tolerate abuse or threats of abuse

### **The Board will be assured that its work has a positive impact by:**

- Monitoring the effectiveness of what is done to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults at risk
- Reviewing safeguarding adults performance and making recommendations about changes that need to be made within partner agencies
- Work together to take immediate action where there is any risk of failure to safeguard adults at risk

### **Our values**

- Actively work together within the multi-agency framework
- Be consistent in our support to adults at risk through integrated working practices, strategies, policies and services within an appropriate legislative and local policy framework
- Challenge, own accountability and show commitment
- Empower and promote wellbeing of adults at risk through the services we provide and the way we provide them
- Always act in the best interests of those people who are unable to take their own decisions and/or protect themselves.
- Identification of abuse is the responsibility of **all members of the community**.
- Everyone should know about Safeguarding Adults at risk and we must make sure they can identify it and know what to do
- Our agencies will provide support to adults at risk from harm and take **appropriate and proportionate** action.
- Adults at risk should receive the protection of the law, access to the judicial process and/or restorative justice
- Adults at risk will understand the role and responsibility of all those involved in keeping them safe

### **The Safeguarding Adults Board:**

- Includes the lead officers for safeguarding adults from the London Borough of Havering, Havering Clinical Commissioning Group and Metropolitan Police, Havering.
- Requires that lead officers are senior managers identified to take a lead role with regard to the development of the policy and strategy, issuing operational guidance, promoting good practice, making recommendations to corporate

management groups and negotiating with other agencies within an inter-agency framework.

- Satisfies itself that the lead officers have discretion and authority to make strategic resource decisions and an understanding of the organisational frameworks within which colleagues in different agencies work
- Involves ambulance and fire services, providers of health and social care services, housing and housing support providers; probation services, members of user, carer and advocacy groups; Havering Healthwatch, representative from Safeguarding Children Board; community safety partnership, public health

## **The Chair**

The Chair should be someone of sufficient standing and expertise to command the respect and support of partner agencies, be committed to the Board's Goals and have a good understanding of local operational issues

## **Working Groups**

### **The Safeguarding Adults Board will:**

Establish inter-agency sub groups or task & finish groups for priority areas, with specific remits, to deliver its goals.

## **Meetings**

### **The Safeguarding Adults Board will:**

- meet quarterly
- have action-focused agendas, which deliver its goals and appoint a chair bi-annually
- values

## **Reporting**

### **The Safeguarding Adults Board will:**

- report to Havering Health and Wellbeing Board
- produce an Annual Report, a Work plan and a Business Plan
- report, via Board Representatives, to its key statutory partners and to the general public

## **Accountability and making decisions**

- the Board will work in a spirit of openness, transparency and cooperation
- member agencies are jointly responsible for the Safeguarding Adults Board

- each agency is responsible for monitoring the performance of its own representative
- each agency's Board representative is responsible for **two-way** communication between the SAB and the agency/group
- members from statutory agencies must have authority and influence senior management level at within their own agencies
- each member is responsible for pursuing the aims of the SAB within their agency/group
- each member will report on the progress of work within their agency to the SAB
- member agencies will provide management, performance and risk information about safeguarding adult work, type and trends in their organisation