



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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| <b>TO:</b>   | Health and Wellbeing Board   |
| <b>FROM:</b> | Nancy Palmer (Independent Chair of BwD LSCB ) & Dr Paul Kingston (Independent Chair of BwD LSAB) |
| <b>DATE:</b> | 11 March 2015  |

**SUBJECT:** Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report, 2014-15 & Local Safeguarding Adult Board (LSAB) Annual Report, 2014-15

## 1. PURPOSE

To inform the Board of the Annual Reports for the Safeguarding Boards for the 2014-15 period.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the Annual Reports and seek co-operation from agencies of the H&W Board to assist in implementing the priority areas.

## 3. BACKGROUND

LSCBs were established in 2006 under the requirements set out in section 13 of the Children Act 2004. From 2013, statutory guidance requires the LSCB to provide the Health & Wellbeing Board with the report so that priorities in improving the local safeguarding arrangements can also be prioritised in the local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Safeguarding Adult Boards (SABs) were established by statute in April 2015 under section 43 of the Care Act 2014. Similar to LSCBs, BwD LSAB is required to provide the Health & Wellbeing Board with their Annual Report.

## 4. RATIONALE

The Annual Report sets out (a) how the various statutory functions of the Safeguarding Boards have been fulfilled in 2014-15; and (b) how local safeguarding arrangements will be improved and prioritised in 2015-16.

All priorities set out in the business plans aim to ensure that children, young people and adults at risk of abuse and neglect in the borough are 'safe from harm' and 'feel safe from harm'.

## 5. KEY ISSUES

The document will be a key evidence document to promote local accountability about the safety of local residents. For individual partners, their commitment and involvement in meeting the priorities set out in the business plans will be a key area of judgement in their partnership work.

## 6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

One of the statutory objectives of the Safeguarding Boards is to ensure the effectiveness of what all partners do to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk of abuse and neglect. All partner agencies of the Safeguarding Boards and of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be required to have regard to the priority areas set out in both reports.

## 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Safeguarding Boards are funded through contributions by partner agencies. The Annual Reports sets out the budget and spending in 2014-15; resource implications of the 2015-16 priority areas will be met from the budget already agreed with Council Finance Officers.

## 8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The LSCB fulfils the legal obligations as set out in the Children Act 2004 and other associated legislation.

The LSAB fulfils the legal obligations as set out in the Care Act 2014.

## 9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

No additional resource implications identified.

## 10. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

The EIA checklist has been completed and indicates that a full impact assessment will not be required.

## 11. CONSULTATIONS

All partners of the LSCB & LSAB, including the voluntary sector, have been consulted throughout the process of producing the document.

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| <b>BACKGROUND PAPER:</b> | LSCB Annual Report (2014-15) & Business Plan (2015-16)<br>LSAB Annual Report (2014-15) & Business Plan (2015-16) |
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