

Adults annual report 2023-2024

Barking and Dagenham

Objectives from last year's annual report and how we are measuring up against these:

	<p>Improving multi-agency partnership working to safeguard adults and their families</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>B&D have now moved to a BD One Panel approach to ensure that reviews are conducted using a Think Family approach as well as ensuring that learning from statutory reviews is shared across the partnership to impact all ages.</p>
	<p>Safeguarding residents at risk during the Cost-of-Living Crisis/post Covid-19 recovery</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>B&D continue to support residents through the delivery of Family Hubs across the borough. The BD Money initiative is also available for residents, which supports with impartial advice as well as low-cost loans.</p>
	<p>Reducing inequality across the diversity of B&D's communities and developing safeguarding practice that meets the needs of the many different communities.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Learning from previous SARs where there have been themes of inequality has been shared through training as well as through briefings.</p>
	<p>Strengthening priorities across Adults, Children, Community Safety, and Health & Wellbeing partnership working arrangements and the respective responsibilities and opportunities of the four partnership boards</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>The BD One Panel has enabled the SAB, LSCP and CSP to work collectively on making decisions about statutory reviews. This has also led to the development of the BD Learning from Practice Subgroup which looks at learning across all three partnerships.</p>

Synopsis of work at place

- The Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults has supported Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) by chairing the Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Committee which has published SAR George. This was a case relating to a 78-year-old gentleman who died in hospital from multi organ failure and sepsis. The learning from this case related to how the partnership recognises cases of intrafamilial domestic abuse, and how young carers are considered and supported.

- B&D have initiated a new 'B&D One Panel' which is a multi-agency approach to considering individual cases for possible Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Children Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Domestic violence Homicide Reviews (DHR's). The group will review each referred case against already existing criteria to see if learning can be achieved through a review.
- B&D are working towards how an Adult Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) could be introduced. By initial scoping of what could be required, as well as reviewing existing MASH Teams in other areas. This is taking place alongside work looking at the current Intake Team and the referrals that they receive, and the relevance and appropriateness of these referrals.

Key system issues

- There remains one ongoing Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) which is near to completion. Learning from this is around the screening and detection of domestic abuse.
- SAR George was published in early 2024 and the learning from this case related to how the partnership recognised cases of intrafamilial domestic abuse, and how young carers are considered and supported.

Priorities for the coming year (2024-2025)

The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adult Board are considering the following priorities for 2024-25:

Priority 2024/25	Updates
Improving multi-agency partnership working to safeguard adults and their families	Looking to hold a safeguarding conference in quarter 2 2024-25 which will be supported by the Safeguarding Adult Board, Safeguarding Children Partnership and Community Safety Partnership
Safeguarding residents at risk during the Cost-of-Living Crisis/post Covid-19 recovery.	The Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults continues to work with partners who are looking at sharing learning from experiences during Covid
Reducing inequality across the diversity of B&D's communities and developing safeguarding practice that meets the needs of the many different communities.	Work to be undertaken to review safeguarding concerns and referrals that are coming into the Intake Team in B&D which will help to better understand which agencies are referring in and where concerns are coming from and for what reason
Strengthening priorities across Adults, Children, Community Safety, and Health & Wellbeing partnership working arrangements and the respective	The Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults continues to engage with the B&D Community Safety Partnership, especially in regard to the Serious Violence Needs Assessment and the Crime & Disorder Assessment. The

responsibilities and opportunities of the four partnership boards	Designated Professional will continue to support with health-related information that can feed into both assessments.
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City and Hackney

Objectives from last year's annual report and how we are measuring up against these:

	<p>Continue to support the development of place-based safeguarding and quality, sharing the experiences at City and Hackney across the wider NEL footprint.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Designate professional for safeguarding adults is embedded within the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adult Board and its subgroups including chairing the Learning from SARs subgroup. SAB attendance is 100%</p>
	<p>Continue to support London Borough of Hackney's Borough of Sanctuary Agenda for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>The designate professional for safeguarding adults led the local health steering group, coordinating the health response for refugees / asylum seekers in hotel accommodation and those 'undocumented' migrants. Health promotion and inclusion remained a focus throughout the year and activities to support this included establishment of bespoke offer for COVID, Flu and Measles vaccine and pop-up clinics in City of London which did not require any proof of identification.</p>
	<p>Support our partners to uphold their safeguarding responsibilities and statutory requirements in line with Safeguarding Accountability and Assurance Framework</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Ongoing safeguarding supervision to provider leads. The designate professional for safeguarding adults attends the local Information Sharing Forum to discuss safeguarding intelligence and escalates to the NEL IBC Provider Concerns Forum.</p>
	<p>Continue to support the development of safeguarding knowledge and expertise across the NEL system</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>An analysis of all NEL Safeguarding Adult Reviews was presented to the NEL Quality, Safety and Improvement committee with learning shared across the system.</p>
	<p>Support partners with sourcing charitable funding to source bespoke therapeutic services for survivors of Domestic Abuse</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Support and guidance offered to LBH partners deepening collaborating in line with our ICB values.</p>

Synopsis of work at place

- **Leder** – Coordination of local steering group to implement learning from LeDeR. Particular focus on learning identified in relation to individual’s who have identified learning disability but are not under the care of specialist learning disability services. A roundtable discussion was convened with agencies in agreement on the need to work collaboratively.
- **Refugees / Asylum Seekers:** Established effective working relationships with the Home Office and their key provider ‘Clear Springs’ to support safeguarding and in-reach activity at the hotel accommodation. This included provision of domestic violence training.
- **Domestic Violence:** The Designate Professional for Safeguarding Adults supported the LBH establishment of the multi-generational violence panel, a subgroup of the Hackney Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) that supports people experiencing domestic violence perpetrated by someone of another generation – most common referrals are adult children perpetrating violence their parents.
- **Training:** Homerton Health have successfully embedded Level 3 safeguarding training into mandatory induction training programmes. Capacity pressures have challenged Homerton’s ability to provide Level 3 training to the wider staff community but there is a rolling programme of provision alongside advice and ward-based teaching sessions.
- **Learning Disability** – CH have successfully reduced the use of out of borough residential supported living placements for people with learning disability. However, this can present challenges in sourcing suitable placements locally. ICB are exploring NEL wide commissioning options.

Key system issues

- Use of NHSE Safeguarding Adult Reviews / Domestic violence Homicide Reviews Tracker to identify NEL wide learning from tragedies and specific local themes, including learning how to better participate in enquiries and strengthen the effectiveness of learning recommendations.

Priorities for the coming year (2024-2025)

Priority	Updates
Develop the programmes of work that focus on Refugees and Asylum Seekers who are at high risk of exploitation and abuse	Our work here includes ensuring that residents who move from Hackney at short notice can be assured that GP and acute hospital care will transition smoothly to their new locality.
Support the embedding of learning from reviews including Leder / SARs / DHRs via monitoring the implementation of recommendations and ensuring the spread of learning across NEL	Continuing to work with NHSE re the implementation of the Review tracker, this will enable NEL trends to be identified and systems learning and workshops to be delivered.

<p>Progress our commitments to meet our requirements under the Serious Violence Duty and support the local Community Safety Partnership in this work.</p>	<p>The Designate professional continues to engage in all activity to support the serious violence duty including contributing to the Strategic Need assessment in City and Hackney and representing place at the NEL ICB SVD/Violence reduction steering group.</p>
<p>Self- Neglect continues to be the highest rated category of reported harm.</p>	<p>Our ICB priority for 24/25 is to bolster our efforts to tackle this challenge. This includes promotion of use of the Mental Capacity Act, the use of the High Risk Panel, and inclusion of complex self-neglect case studies in our Level 3 training resources.</p>

Havering

Objectives from last year's annual report and how we are measuring up against these:

	<p>Promote effective communication to ensure that any learning from SARs or other reviews such as Domestic violence Homicide Reviews are shared as widely as possible to encourage practice development.</p> <p>Outcome The development of Havering learning and development subgroup has been launched and is developing 7 min briefings to disseminate learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Domestic Violence Homicide Reviews.</p>
	<p>LeDeR: to support the identification and sharing of best practices in completed LeDeR review cases.</p> <p>Outcome Learning from LeDeR cases is shared in the CRWG, the Integrated Learning Disability Team and The Safeguarding Adult Board.</p>
	<p>Review of Safeguarding Adult GP referral template.</p> <p>Outcome The GP template has been developed and circulated to GP's to support the completion of safeguarding adult chronologies. The Safeguarding Adult Review template is still in draft.</p>
	<p>On-going safeguarding training to the ICB staff and General Practitioner (GPs).</p> <p>Outcome Safeguarding training has been developed by the Designate professional for Havering. This has been delivered to GP's at their protected learning time and has addresses complex issues including contributing to Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Domestic Violence Homicide Reviews, Fabricated and Induced Illness and Assessing for Mental Capacity and undertaking Court of Protection assessments</p>
	<p>Develop a Case reflection and support CHC staff around complex cases.</p> <p>Outcome A practice group was developed and attended by Safeguarding adult professionals. Training has been developed and has been delivered to the place based CHC team to support with risk assessment of safeguarding and risk with complex CHC patients.</p>
	<p>Support the development and implementation of the IRIS service at place:</p> <p>Outcome The IRIS service ensures that primary care practitioners can respond effectively to domestic violence and abuse and that specialist support is available for patients. The designate Professional continues to attend the steering group and to provide and guidance to deliver a robust service.</p>

Synopsis of work at place

- **Health Action Focus (HAF)** is a group that was developed by the Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults. The core function of HAF is to that safeguarding adult learning and development activities equip all health organisations, their staff, and partners to meet the standards outlined in the Havering safeguarding policy and procedures, supported by the NHS Safeguarding Accountability and Assurance Framework.
- **MCA Champions:** To improve responses to the application of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA), Havering MCA Champions meet quarterly to address the continued need for better understanding of the Mental Capacity Act, executive decision-making, and legal literacy in circumstances where capacity is a factor.
- **Case Review Working Group:** Havering have strengthened its response to local serious incidents by launching Case Review Working Group chaired by Designate Professional for Safeguarding Adults, and Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children, NEL ICB. The group is well attended by partners.
- **Safeguarding Training:** The Safeguarding Team continued to provide an excellent and well-received service to our primary care colleagues by providing high-quality safeguarding training. Some general practitioners received bespoke training sessions to improve their expertise in providing safe practice. The General Practitioners received all sessions positively provided positive evaluations.
- **Learning from LeDeR:** The ICB has continued to work with a range of partners to co-produce activities that respond to the learning from reviews. The ICB system partners have worked hard to address health inequalities and improve access to healthcare for people with learning disabilities and autistic people. The goal is to continue to create a strong culture of person-centred care, working alongside people with lived experience to be vigilant and proactive, supporting people to speak up in our communities.
- **Collaboration with partners:** The Havering Designated Professional supported the safeguarding assurance processes, providing clinical guidance in complex cases, and facilitating multi-agency collaboration.
- **Safeguarding Adult Review:** This group is chaired by the Designate Professional for Adult safeguarding. The Group works with the health economy and other agencies to implement review learning to improve outcomes for adults at-risk.

Key system issues:

- **GP participation in safeguarding adult process:** GPs roles include raising a concern if they suspect or know of abuse in accordance with these Procedures, participating in Strategy Discussions or Meetings and Safeguarding Plan Meetings, providing professional assessment of health information about an adult at risk when appropriate, and completing reports.
- **Statutory responsibilities:** All ICB employees should be aware of their responsibility to protect adults. This includes providing training and supervision. This enables staff to raise safeguarding concerns and understand how to escalate issues as needed. Improving learning from occurrences is at the heart of care delivery.
- **Safeguarding Adults Reviews authors:** Safeguarding Adult Boards must decide Safeguarding Adult Review procedures locally under the Care Act. Models vary. Thus,

SABs must know their options and consider their criteria. How a review is done affects what is learned and if it is helpful and educational.

Below are the Havering Designated Professional priorities for the coming year (2024-2025).

Priority 2024/25	Updates
Provide strategic leadership, influence, and support for our ICB safeguarding arrangements.	Strengthening and improving the quality of safeguarding across the ICS system within partnerships and local delivery teams
Continue to deliver our statutory responsibilities and those outlined within the SAAF on behalf of the ICB	Designate professional works closely with provider organisations and primary care to provide support and guidance in regard to their statutory responsibilities.
IRIS programme in Havering	To support the programme in ensuring that primary care practitioners can respond effectively to domestic violence and abuse and that specialist support is available for patients.
Ensure that people's voices are central to safeguarding across the ICB and the wider safeguarding system.	Work within the partnership has continued to hear the voice of the service user and their families through forums and review work

Newham

Objectives from last year's annual report and how we are measuring up against these

	<p>Self-Neglect</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Self-neglect multi-agency group is ongoing within the SAB. Multi-agency approach used to develop the work plan and activity is now focussing on the on the multi-agency self-neglect policy. The Newham designate is a core member</p>
	<p>Mental Capacity</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Mental capacity remains a concern within Newham for all providers across health and social care. The SAB has and is a constant element to S42's SARs and DHRs. Newham SAB continue with their multi-agency MCA priority group. The Newham designate is a core member and has support the introduction of MCA/DoLs audits.</p>
	<p>Supported Living</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Supported living continues to be a priority for the NSAB To optimise the quality of care and support delivered in Supported Living Services in London Borough of Newham</p>
	<p>Asylum & Refugee contingency accommodation</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>This area has continued to be an increasing area of concern within Newham & across NEL. ICB designate engages in meetings & discussions relating to Asylum & Refugee. We have supported the challenge to the home office regarding new accommodation.</p> <p>We continue to raise the issue of safeguarding awareness and concerns with colleagues and the deficiencies within the contingency accommodation.</p>

Synopsis of work at place:

- Developed the Newham Safeguarding Adult Board learning and communication subgroup
- Completed joint multi-agency & all age visits to contingency accommodation with ??
- Core member of Mental Capacity Assessment & Self-Neglect priority group and participated in work plans and progressing actions.
- Work with provider services both NHS & Private with complex cases.
- Provide safeguarding supervision to named professionals and wider teams.
- Developed a workflow with the children's team and care leavers nurse to consider high risk cases.

- Work closely with London Borough of Newham on high risk cases and provider concerns processes, participating in joint safeguarding/quality visits.
- Represent the ICB at the community safety partnership taking the health lead.
- Actively participate in all Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Domestic violence Homicide Rs within Newham
- Monitor and review place based SI's/PSIRF activity that has a safeguarding element

Key system issues:

- Developed strong links with local private sector mental health service, focusing on safeguarding & quality improvement.
- Lead on clinical reference group for provider concerns within the ICB.
- Core member of self-neglect and Mental Capacity Assessment Safeguarding Adult Board groups providing a proactive steer
- Member of the training Clinical Reference Group
- ICB learning and development. In collaboration with children's team completed Training Needs Assessment and developed the Safeguarding Adult Level 3 training program. We also have a schedule for Level 3 training updated which will be open to our system partners across NEL
- Domestic Homicide reviews (DHR) - we are seeing a high number in the borough of Newham. Due to this we will review how is the early intervention and place-based provision impacts residents to prevent homicides

Priorities for the coming year (2024-2025)

Newham SAB priorities have continued into 2024 – 2025. These reflect areas of concerns highlighted from Section 42 enquiries and escalated safeguarding adult reviews at the SAB subgroup.

Priority 2023/24	Updates
Self-Neglect	Progress the self-neglect priority group and develop a usable tool for front line practitioners, which is supported by a robust training program.
Mental Capacity	Continue to promote Mental capacity with provider services where there are deficits within the Mental Capacity Assessment process. Escalating as required. Continue to support the MCA group in the development of a robust policy and ongoing audit tool.
CoPDoLS (ICB priority)	The CoP DoLS work has been transferred to the Deputy Director of Safeguarding Adults portfolio. There has been a co-designed between the designate professional and Clinical

	Associate Director for CHC to review and progress the Court of Protection work for CHC funded clients within NHS NEL
Asylum & Refugee contingency accommodation	Continue to monitor contingency accommodation as part of a multi-agency all age team
Community Safety Partnership	Work with the partnership with work including both violence reduction and modern slavery and to deliver on the serious violence duty requirements.
Newham SAB	Continue to support NSAB in all core and priority group meetings.

Redbridge

Objectives from last year's annual report and how we are measuring up against these:

	<p>To address issues identified in data provided to the RSAB that the number of safeguarding referrals is not representative of the local population.</p> <p>Outcome This remains as work in progress in 23/24 and the Designate Professional Safeguarding Adults is supporting the Redbridge Safeguarding Adult Board on this workstream in 2024/25 as this is an identified area for strengthening.</p>
	<p>Improving multi-agency oversight and management of high-risk safeguarding cases.</p> <p>Outcome The Local Authority have actively improved it arrangements for high-risk management cases and the Designate Professional Safeguarding Adults was actively involved in this piece of work. Term of Reference are now in place and meeting have been established to ensure practitioners are able to escalate high risk cases.</p>
	<p>To ensure that the Redbridge Safeguarding Adult Board has assurance that Local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined in the Care Act (2004).</p> <p>Outcome This has not moved forward as the Redbridge Safeguarding Adult Board reviewed its structures and the Data Group has not met due to capacity issues. This will be taken forward into 24/25</p>
	<p>Strengthen multi-agency working across the partnership and promote a collaborative approach to patient care.</p> <p>Outcome The Designate Professional Safeguarding Adults continues to be an active member of Redbridge Safeguarding Adults Board and its related subgroups as well as other partnership. In the latter part of 23/24, the Designate Professional Adult Safeguarding became the Chair of RSAB Learning and Development Group. The Designate Professional is also the Chair of the Local Quality Surveillance Group. The Designate Professional supported with the recruitment process for the newly appointed Strategic Lead Professional of Practice and has developed a good working relationship and supported with the implementation of the New Safeguarding Hub</p>

Work at Place:

- Local Quality Surveillance Group (LQSG):** This group is chaired by the Designate Professional Adult Safeguarding. The purpose of this group is to systematically bring together the different parts of the NEL system to share information relating to services commissioned by the NHS and those commissioned jointly by the NHS and Local Authorities. In this reporting period the group met monthly, and all partners continue to monitor, review and mitigate risk in various provider organisation across NEL.

- **Independent scrutiny Asylum Seekers:** The Designate Professional Adult Safeguarding attends the Local Authority operational meeting which review any concerns, gaps in service provision and safeguarding issues for the asylum seeker and refugee cohort. Significant progress has been made in this reporting period to support and mitigate risk.
- **Serious Violence Duty (SVD):** Redbridge Designate Professional contributed to the SVD Strategic Needs Assessments (SNA) at place, this included relevant health data at place. The Associate Director Adult Safeguarding NHS NEL actively engaged with NHSE Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Programme Team (Task and Finish Group) and received update from other systems and regions around implementation of the Duty and examples of good practice.
- **Domestic Abuse:** The Designate Professional is a member of the Redbridge Violence against Women and Girls Strategic Group (VAWG) and Redbridge Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference Steering Group and supports activities in these areas. The Designate Professional is also a member of the IRIS steering group, supporting the Redbridge IRIS Clinical Lead in work relating to the IRIS programme. In Redbridge IRIS Training has been rolled out to 22 Redbridge Surgeries with 126 referrals to Independent Domestic Violence Advocates since training commenced.
- **Learning from Lives and Deaths for people with a Learning Disability and Autistic Adults (LeDeR):** The Designate Professional Adult Safeguarding is the Local Area Coordinator for LeDeR and actively supports the NHS NEL LeDeR Team in achieving outcomes as identified within the LeDeR Strategy 2022/25. Feedback on cases occurs through the North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT) LD Service meeting which meets quarterly. Feedback on learning from the reviews was positive and has enhanced learning and service improvement alongside continued commitment from staff at meetings.

Key system issues

- Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR's): Redbridge Safeguarding Adults Board have experienced difficulties in recruiting experienced reviewers to undertake the increase in commissioned statutory reviews. The Redbridge Safeguarding Adult Board are actively engaged with this concern. As of 31st March 2024 five commissioned SARs were in progress.
- Learning from Lives and Deaths for people with a Learning Disability and Autistic Adults (LeDeR) – One of the key issues identify this year was that NEL continues to see an increase in out of borough placements into Redbridge, leading to an increase in the number of LeDeR reviews at place. This was actively monitored by the NHS NEL Designate Professional Adult Safeguarding (Redbridge) LeDer LAC to avoid breaches in completion timeframes for reviews

Priorities for 2023-2024

The Redbridge Safeguarding Adult Board priorities for 2024-25:

Priority 2024/25	Updates
<p>Safeguarding Adult Review's and Domestic violence Homicide Review's</p>	<p>Embedding of learning from published Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews via the RSAB Learning and Improvement Group.</p> <p>The Designated Professional will continue to upload all findings into the NHSE Safeguarding Case Review Tracker.</p> <p>Published SAR to date have been shared at the NHS NEL Safeguarding Forum, and Primary Care (GP's) at Protected Learning Events.</p>
<p>Asylum Seekers</p>	<p>To continue to work at a systems level to address any associated risks i.e. safeguarding, housing, food safety, community safety and Health Protection to mitigate risk to those seeking asylum and improve health inequalities and health.</p>
<p>Learning from Lives and Deaths People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People (LeDeR)</p>	<p>Continue to build and strengthen links between system partners and care providers to ensure all findings and recommendations from reviews are shared and reflected in transformation work streams to further improve the lives of individuals with a learning disability, and autistic adults living with NEL.</p>
<p>Primary Care</p>	<p>Support Primary Care in achieving positive CQC ratings. In addition to provide reflective practice sessions for GPs to enhance their all-age Safeguarding Knowledge in addition to their Protected Learning Events (PLE). An additional area for strengthening is Primary Care's Care involvement in Statutory Safeguarding Processes as this was identified in 23/24 as an area of concern. Positive collaborative working practices are required to enhance this area.</p>

Tower Hamlets

Objectives from last year's annual report and how we are measuring up against these

	<p>Ensuring that all health staff are equipped with the skills, knowledge, confidence and supervision to effectively safeguard the local population</p> <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular safeguarding supervision takes place with named professional for safeguarding working at system partner level. • Deliver GP training • Set up monthly meetings with the place based continuing health care (CHC) team to discuss complex cases and ensure safeguarding oversight received. • Member of the Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) sub-group, which monitors action plans generated from SAR recommendations and seeks to establish how learning from cases which don't meet SAR criteria is sought and disseminated.
	<p>Ensuring that robust mechanisms are in place to ensure that safeguarding practice, systems and processes are effective:</p> <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICB Designated Professional attends system partner safeguarding committees and receives safeguarding data to obtain assurance. • Collaboration with Tower Hamlets GP Care Group in their strengthening of the safeguarding adults offer. • Member of the Quality, Assurance and Performance sub-group which seeks to establish a safeguarding dataset at place and monitor single agency safeguarding audits
	<p>Ensure services are integrated and share intelligence about vulnerable children and adults and by doing so improve safeguarding in their services and our local health and social care system</p> <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair community engagement sub-group which seeks to involve the local community in the work of the safeguarding adult board and acts as a conduit to ensure safeguarding information is available to all. • Member of the Learning and Communication sub-group, which seeks feedback from agencies as to how a trauma informed approach is embedded within their services and sets plans for the annual safeguarding adults conference.

Synopsis of work at place:

- Participates in Tower Hamlet multi-agency asylum seekers partnership meeting, .
- All incidents screened from a safeguarding perspective and close liaison with patient safety and quality team to discuss any emerging themes and mitigations.
- Provided health perspective on incoming Serious Violence Duty strategy
- Ongoing work on several Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) and Safeguarding Adult Reviews, implementing actions from a health perspective.

Key system issues:

- Participated in clinical reference group (CRG) into mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Co-member of learning and development CRG, with a focus on standardised approach to implementing the national case review tracker
- Completion and submission of the of the safeguarding commissioning assurance toolkit (SCAT)

Priorities for the coming year (2024-2025)

The post of THSAB independent chair has been fulfilled by interim post holders following the unexpected death of THSAB independent chair Fran Pearson in July 2023. The post has now been recruited into with a start date and the priorities are likely to be reviewed.

Currently the priorities are:

Priority 2024/25	Updates
Continue to better embed learning and monitor actions from Safeguarding Adult Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SAB commissioned a themed Safeguarding Adults Review of two adults with similar health issues and complexities, published in March 2024.• SAR learning from already published reviews were monitored by the SAR subgroup throughout the year, with work underway to ensure that previous SAR recommendations are embedded and evidenced.
Development of self-neglect and hoarding toolkit to equip professionals to support early intervention and prevention in this area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The self-neglect and hoarding toolkit and procedure was approved by the SAB in January 2024• It is aimed at all practitioners and managers working for agencies in Tower Hamlets who support adults in complex self-neglect situations.• It outlines the principles that all staff should work to and promotes maximisation of multi-agency to reduce the need for compulsory interventions
Keeping people with learning disabilities safe, those living within Tower Hamlets and those placed outside of the borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults acts as Local Area Contact for the Learning From Lives and Deaths – People with a Learning Disability and Those Who Are Autistic (LeDeR) programme.• Learning from LeDeR reviews is captured within recommendations and actions to ensure learning from the reviews is embedded and leads to positive change.

Ensure best practice in housing support for residents with substance misuse needs.

- The SAB delivered a successful conference in November 2023 that was focused on Homelessness and Substance Misuse
- The event brought together experts, professionals, and partner organisations to discuss and share insights on the work done to support residents.
- The aim was to raise awareness, share best practice and empower individuals to play an active role in safeguarding.

Waltham Forest

Objectives from 2022/23 annual report and how we are measuring up against these:

2022/23 objectives	Updates
<p>Implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards, which will focus on the operational and strategic priorities. We will work collaboratively with colleagues to develop the appropriate pathways and to ensure people in receipt of CHC funding are lawfully deprived of their liberty.</p>	<p>Liberty Protection Safeguards were stood down in April 2023 following the Department of Health and Social</p> <p>The MCA and DoLS subgroup continue to meet and works on the strengthening of this work stream at place.</p>
<p>To work with CHC teams and brokerage to ensure continuing health care cases are supported and areas of concern are addressed at the earliest opportunity.</p>	<p>During 2023/24 the ICB consultation led to changes in workforce and service delivery models.</p> <p>The Safeguarding Adults Designated Professional works with the CHC team on issues relating to organisational concerns that may impact placements.</p>
<p>Continue to implement the Learning from SARs/DHRs/LeDeR reviews. This includes partnership working at Place.</p>	<p>During the 2023/24 period the WF Learning and Improvement Forum has continued to focus on learning from all age reviews.</p> <p>In this period there has been 1 SAR published, highlighting issues around escalation of absconding patients with MH issues.</p> <p>LeDeR learning/reflection sessions being undertaken. These sessions have been positively received with escalation to the Improving Life Chances Board as appropriate</p>
<p>Continue to strengthen multi agency working across the partnership and promote a collaborative approach to patient care.</p>	<p>Throughout 2022/23 there has been a strengthening of partnership working. Designates continue to attend</p> <p>SAB subgroups (One Panel, SafetyNet, Community Safety Partnership) and have worked towards a collaborative multi agency approach.</p>

	<p>There has been a positive approach between Health partners and the Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults. This has included Audits with Barts Health and continued strengthening of partnerships with NELFT SGA teams and Local Authority teams</p>
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Synopsis of work at place

- Undertook visit of Refugee and Asylum seeker Hotels, this work continued until hotels closed due to residents being moved to Newham.
- Participated in the development and updating of the action plan to address health inequalities
- Worked with partners across the system to further communication between One Panel, Learning and Improvement Forum continues to identify themes and trends from reviews and links across boards and subgroups to ensure learning is embedded.
- Continued promotion of Team around the person complex case panel
- Work with LA and London Fire Brigade regarding Fire Safety and hoarding
- Supported CHC teams with complex cases and inclusion with organisational concerns
- Worked collaboratively with Children's Designate on transition cases
- Led the health perspective on implementing the serious violence duty

Key system issues:

- Participated in clinical reference group (CRG) into Perplexing Presentations/ FII with a focus on all age identification. This group facilitated a Learning Workshop to look at pathways across the NEL footprint and consider a system wide approach to management of these cases.
- Involved in both Waltham Forest and NEL homeless groups and a member of the NEL ICS Homeless Health Strategy Working Group
- Worked with Designated professionals across NEL on the Refugee and Asylum Seekers group – identifying local and system challenges across the 7 boroughs
- Participated in the LBWF Refugee and Asylum Seekers (RAS) work with LA, Health partners and The Home Office – looking at local issues but also identifying commonalities across boroughs that may require escalation to the wider RAS group.

Priorities for the coming year (2024-2025)

Priorities for The Safeguarding Adult Board are clear, based on recent themes emerging from statutory reviews and there is a consensus for programmes of work below to continue:

Priority 2023/24	Updates
Self-Neglect	Throughout the 23/24 period the WF Self Neglect guidance has been updated and relaunched. In addition, the complex case panel has been implemented following a successful pilot. This panel considers cases that do not meet a S42 threshold but require case management support to people at risk from 14 years onwards, these include cases of self-neglect & hoarding.
Mental Capacity	The MCA & DoLS group has continued throughout 2023/24 with positive partnership interaction. Whilst LPS has been indefinitely paused there has been continued work with embedding MCA. Discussion has taken place within the partnership to consider the introduction of a standardised audit tool which partners across Health, Social Care and Voluntary sectors can use to consider feedback.
Transitional Safeguarding	Scoping and recommendations to continue and timeline for completion to be produced. This area remains a wicked issue and there is recognition of increasing complex cases within this cohort.
CoPDoLS (ICB priority)	The CoPDoLS work has been transferred to sit under the portfolio of the Deputy Director of Safeguarding Adults. There has been a co-designed between the designate professional and Clinical Associate Director for CHC to review and progress the Court of Protection work for CHC funded clients within NHS NEL
Modern Slavery	Modern Slavery continues to be encompassed into the proposed cross cutting Violence Reduction (& Harm Outside the Home) priority and remains an area of interest for the Boards through the relevant workstreams of that agenda. It should also feature as part of the Learning & Improvement Framework.