



Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan

November 2019 - June 2021

1. Introduction

The Care Act Statutory Guidance Section states that one of the core duties of the Safeguarding Adults Board is to publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this. It states that the plan must be developed with local community involvement, and the SAB must consult the local Healthwatch organisation. The guidance stated that the plan should be evidence based and make use of all available evidence and intelligence from partners to form and develop its plan.

2. Development of the 2019 – 2021 Plan

The Brent Safeguarding Adults Board conducted a Development Day in October 2019 where it asked a range of operational organisations who work in Brent to present what they felt were the barriers within the borough. The Development Day was undertaken in conjunction with the local Healthwatch, local charities and other community-based organisations.

During the Development Day, partner presentations were explored by board members through group discussion. Board members agreed that three themes arose that should form the basis of the Strategic Plan.

At the following Brent Safeguarding Adults Board, discussions took place as to the most appropriate structure of the SAB in order to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan.



3. Safeguarding Adults Board Structure

The Safeguarding Adults Board will meet on a quarterly basis. It will have three sub groups to assist the SAB in carrying out its functions:

1. **The Executive.** This will be a bi-annual meeting of the Statutory Partners and the Independent Chair with a focus on governance.
2. **The Case Review Group.** This group will meet as required to hear new referrals and manage current Safeguarding Adult Reviews.
3. **The Provider Concerns Group.** This group will meet quarterly to discuss care and support providers in Brent where there are concerns.



4. The Strategic Plan

Priority 1 – Self Neglect

The Care Act 2014 statutory guidance (DH, 2016) defines self-neglect as: "A wide range of behaviour neglecting to care for one's personal hygiene, health or surroundings and includes behaviour such as hoarding." The Brent SAB aims to ensure strategic development of working with people who self-neglect. The Brent SAB aims to do this by:

- Development of multi-agency self-neglect policies and procedures
- Learning dissemination events
- Multi-agency learning and development sessions

Priority 2 – Legal Literacy

Legal Literacy is knowledge and awareness of the legal options open to practitioners in order to safeguard adults at risk from abuse and neglect. The Brent SAB aims to empower practitioners in Brent with knowledge as to the options open to them and develop systems in order that this informs decision-making. It aims to do this by:

- Development of understanding of legal duties in relation to adult safeguarding
- Audit of use of legal rules in cases
- Multi-agency workforce development
- Learning from outcomes of judicial reviews and Ombudsman reports

Priority 3 – Information Dissemination

Some of the feedback is that information sometimes does not reach those who need it most. The Brent SAB reflected on this and agreed to undertake:

- Two professional conferences to ensure practitioners who work in Brent can come together for multi-agency learning and development
- At least one community conference to reach smaller organisations and the public
- Official Launch of the Safeguarding Adults Board Website as a vehicle to disseminate learning and information

