

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

**Report to:** Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Accountability Committee

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**Subject:** H&F Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report 2024/25

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### SUMMARY

The 2024/25 SAB Annual Report outlines how the SAB has delivered its statutory duties including summary of Safeguarding Adults Review under Section 44 of the Care Act and exploration of how the partnership has sought to progress our objectives under our three key priority areas: Effective systems and processes, creating a culture of learning and communication and partnership.

Key issues for consideration: This report highlights the proactive efforts of partners to continue to improve professional responses to support adults with care and support needs who are at risk of abuse and neglect. The SAB is now moving into the final year of its three-year strategy, with our focus in the next year being on reviewing our impact and strengthening assurance mechanisms.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the Committee to note and comment on the report.

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**Wards Affected:** None

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Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Building shared prosperity	The SAB is guided by nationally agreed principles for adult safeguarding, including empowerment, prevention, proportionality, protection, partnership and accountability. Through the continuing commitment to these principles the SAB's work supports shared prosperity by promotion of adult wellbeing.
Creating a compassionate council	This report outlines learning from multi-agency audits and Safeguarding Adults Reviews which have highlighted key

	themes of trauma-informed practice, professional curiosity and empowering adults to make their own decisions. The report further outlines work undertaken by the partnership to embed this learning to improve future outcomes for adults at risk in our borough.
Doing things with local residents, not to them	A key objective of the SAB is to ensure that the voice of lived experience informs our work, in line with the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal. This report outlines how the SAB intends to deliver this objective moving forward.
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	This report demonstrates the way in which the partnership aims to utilise multi-agency collaboration, existing resources, knowledge and skills to build on its initiatives.
Taking pride in H&F	This report reflects a borough-wide commitment from partners to strengthen responses to adult safeguarding concerns and improve outcomes for adults at risk, with examples of how services have sought to provide support for local residents.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	N/A - This report does not have any direct impact on climate or ecological implications.

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## Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

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## DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The Annual Report for 2024/25 demonstrates the wide range of activity undertaken across the Hammersmith & Fulham Safeguarding Adults Board in the last financial year.
2. This includes overview of:
  - Activity under Section 44 of the Care Act which required the Safeguarding Adults Board to undertake a review in circumstances where an adult with care and support needs either dies or suffers serious harm, and when abuse or neglect (including self-neglect) is thought to have been a factor and there is potential learning about the way multiple agencies worked together to safeguarding the adult.

- The role of the SAB subgroups in progressing our strategic objectives and capturing assurance on the quality of multi-agency adult safeguarding practice in Hammersmith and Fulham.

## **List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Hammersmith and Fulham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2024/2025