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<p>TITLE OF REPORT: Safeguarding Adults Executive Board Annual Report 2014/15</p>	
<p>Report of the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The report attached as APPENDIX 1 is a summary of the work carried out by the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board (referred to below as ‘the Board’) that serves the three boroughs of Hammersmith & Fulham; Kensington and Chelsea; and Westminster, during 2014/15.
- 1.2. The report describes how the Board’s member agencies work together, and independently, to promote the safety of people in the three boroughs who are most at risk of abuse and neglect through the actions, or inactions of others.
- 1.3. In line with the ‘Protocol to set out governance arrangements between the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Health and Wellbeing Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board’ adopted in January 2015, this report is intended to demonstrate how the local authorities, and the Clinical Commissioning Groups are

meeting their legal obligations under the Care Act 2014 that put adult safeguarding on a statutory footing from 1st April 2015.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That the Committee note the report and address questions to the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board.

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Care Act 2014 was enacted from 1st April 2015 and puts adult safeguarding on a statutory footing. This report is designed to provide assurance that the adult safeguarding governance arrangements that have been in place since 2013 mean that the local authorities are able to meet their legal obligations under the Act.
- 3.2. At its January 2015 meeting, the Board adopted five outcomes and the report outlines what work it done to deliver these outcomes, and its priorities for 2015/16.

4. PROPOSAL AND ISSUES

- 4.1. A key priority was to increase the involvement of local people in safeguarding adults, as defined in the Care Act.

Increasing Local People's Involvement in Adult Safeguarding

- 4.2. To this end the Community Engagement sub-group, one of the four work-streams which help the Board to deliver its work plan, organised a consultation event in November 2015. Residents of the three boroughs worked with voluntary organisations and advocacy groups to define what adult safeguarding means to them, and what is important to them with regards to their safety, and the safety of those least able to protect themselves from harm. What people said will shape the Board's work plan for 2016-18 and open up new ways of engaging with communities and involving new partners in adult safeguarding activities.

Safeguarding Adults Reviews

- 4.3. Section 44 of the Act places a new requirement on Safeguarding Adults Boards to review deaths, where an adult in their area dies, or suffers serious harm, as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the person.
- 4.4. Since 1st April 2015, the Board has reviewed 13 deaths, across the three boroughs (3 from LBHF). The reviews are carried out by a multi-agency sub-group of the Board (the Safeguarding Adults Case Review Group) which ensures that the reviews are transparent, and that members hold each other to account, as well as accounting to the Board. A guiding principle for all reviews is the early involvement of the person themselves, if they are recovering from serious harm, or their family where they have died, in the review process.
- 4.5. The Board has commissioned its first formal Safeguarding Adults Review and is in the process of disseminating the learning from this review. The report will be

published and the implementation of findings and impact of learning will be reported in the Annual Report of the Board 2015/16. The main finding confirms the need to commission appropriate care for older people with dementia and complex care needs.

Closer working between Adult Safeguarding, Children's Safeguarding and Community Safety.

- 4.6. The Care Act introduces additional categories of abuse, including domestic abuse, and modern-day slavery, to which the local authority has a responsibility to respond to and where possible, prevent.
- 4.7. To this end, the Board is working closely with the Violence Against Women and Girls Board and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, ensuring proper representation on each, and aligning their strategic priorities. This is to ensure that all the work, including reviews of deaths, is securely covered, whilst avoiding costly duplication of effort.

Safer Recruitment Thematic Review

- 4.8. The Board has completed this review and has developed a practice guide that all member agencies are being encouraged to adopt.

Resourcing the Work of the Board

- 4.9. Since the publication of the 2014/15 Annual Report, contributions to the work of the Board have been secured from the Clinical Commissioning Groups, the Metropolitan Police, and the London Fire Brigade. This is a welcome development indicating real commitment of agencies to adult safeguarding and recognition of the statutory nature of this area of work.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1. As required by the Care Act 2014, the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board's priorities for its strategic plan 2016/17 are being developed following consultation in November 2015 with representatives of the local communities, and Healthwatch.

6. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. There are no equality issues associated with this report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. There are no legal implications associated with this report.

8. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	None		

LIST OF APPENDICES:

APPENDIX 1 :Safeguarding Adults Executive Board Annual Report 2014/15