

Islington Safeguarding Adults Board

Summary Annual Review 2019 - 20

Our Achievements



Through the Safer Islington Partnership, a multi-agency Modern Day Slavery board has been created. The board meets quarterly to share intelligence.



Several board partners recruited to extra posts to support the homelessness crisis. Additional grants allowed Islington Council to open up winter shelters providing additional bed spaces for rough sleepers.



The action plan to learn lessons from the safeguarding adults review regarding Mr Yi was completed. Further work to embed and sustain the learning from serious cases will be done through our new Prevention & Learning subgroup.



Camden & Islington Mental Health Trust completed a deep dive of sexual safety concerns. A Sexual Safety Policy was adopted and Sexual Safety matters are now reported to the Trust Safeguarding Committee.



The "Why MCA" training was jointly developed to bridge the gap between Mental Capacity Act theory and practice. This innovative course was shortlisted for the "Best Educational Programme for the NHS" award.



During Safeguarding Awareness month in June, we held a series of different awareness-raising events with pop-up information stalls at various places in the borough.



HMP Pentonville now includes safeguarding and social care needs in their basic custody screening tool.

Key Statistics



Concerns about possible adult abuse or neglect have decreased to 3,228 in 2019/20



The 3 most common types of abuse found in safeguarding enquires in Islington are (1) neglect, (2) financial and (3) psychological



More than half of all cases of abuse and neglect took place in the adult's own home



10% increase in Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard referrals but the number of authorisations remains unchanged.



435 enquiries into suspected adult abuse (15% decrease on last year)



In more than 90% of cases we either removed or reduced the risks through safeguarding action



1 in 3 cases we looked into were about neglect



In more than 4 out of 5 cases, people were worried about an adult but when we looked into it, we decided a formal safeguarding enquiry was not needed

Key Developments



Taking actions against homelessness and modern slavery continues to be a top priority nationally and internationally



Restraint & seclusion gained public attention following a BBC exposé of the treatment of 'Beth' who was kept in solitary confinement in an assessment and treatment unit elsewhere in the country.



The implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards have been postponed to 2022 by the government. We continue to be one of the few local authorities with no backlogs on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and are well-placed to transition smoothly into the new law.



The Covid-19 pandemic has brought challenges and risks for adults with care and support needs and the services supporting them. We will be focusing on assurances around those safeguarding risks over the coming year.

We will work on these developments over the next year.