

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: All
REPORT TITLE Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board – Annual Report 2024-2025	
REPORT OF Executive Director Adults and Health	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	DATE 4 th November 2025
SUMMARY OF REPORT The Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (SAPB) annual report is a statutory requirement under Section 43(5) and Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014. The 2024/25 annual report sets out the work undertaken over that year and the achievements of its partner agencies. The full report is attached at Appendix A. Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report. Contact Officer: Simmone Burrowes Safeguarding Adults Board Manager (interim) 5 Pancras Square London, N1C 4AG Simmone.Burrowes@camden.gov.uk 020 7974 8170	
RECOMMENDATIONS That the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee comment on and note the content of the Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Annual Report for 2024/25.	

Signed: 

Jess McGregor, Executive Director Adults and Health

Date: 23/10/2025

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report gives an overview of the content of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (referred to as “SAPB” or “Board” hereinafter in this report) Annual Report for 2024-25, which is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.2. The Board is a statutory body composed of partner organisations that meet on a quarterly basis. SAPBs must have certain statutory agencies in their membership, with these defined as the local authority, police and the Clinical Commissioning Group. The membership also includes representation from non-statutory agencies, which in Camden includes members of the Voluntary Sector, London Fire Brigade (Camden), Probation, Camden & Islington Mental Health Trust and representatives from the major hospitals in Camden.
- 1.3. The aim of the Board is to oversee, assure, improve and co-ordinate how local partners safeguard and promote the welfare of adults with care and support needs. Operational aspects of the Board’s business plan and strategy are implemented through sub-groups, which partners lead and contribute to.

2. Requirement for an Annual Report

- 2.1. The Board is required by law, under the Care Act 2014¹, to produce an annual report each year. The Care Act 2014 sets out a clear legal framework for how local authorities and other parts of the system should protect adults with care and support needs (referred to as “adults” hereafter in this report). The Board must:
 - Publish an annual report in line with specific requirements in the Care Act.
 - Develop and publish a 5-year Strategy Plan 2023-2028 setting out how the Board will meet its strategic duties and how members and partner agencies will contribute to it.
 - Meet on a regular basis and obtain assurances from all partner agencies of the work they are doing to safeguard vulnerable adults.
 - Arrange Safeguarding Adult Reviews for any cases which meet the criteria detailing the findings, recommendations, and learning.
- 2.2. Each year the annual report must be provided to:
 - The chief executive and the leader of the authority
 - The local policing body.
 - The local Healthwatch organisation for the local authority’s area and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

3. Report Summary

- 3.1. This report has been produced to detail the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Boards effectiveness in safeguarding adults within the London Borough of Camden.

¹ [Care Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\) https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents)

3.2. The report outlines the aims, objectives and progress made by the partnership, reflecting on challenges faced and lessons learned on the previous twelve months as well as looking to the year ahead. A summary is provided below.

3.3. Aims and Objectives (taken from the 5-year Strategy)

- To make Camden a place where adults can live safely and free from abuse and neglect
- To embed the six safeguarding principles: Empowerment, Prevention, Proportionality, Protection, Partnership, and Accountability
- To amplify the voices of people with lived experience and ensure safeguarding is person-centred and inclusive

3.4. Progress Made

- Strengthened multi-agency collaboration through subgroups and shared data dashboards
- Embedded learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) into practice via a dedicated implementation group
- Improved safeguarding responses for people experiencing homelessness, self-neglect, and exploitation
- Delivered trauma-informed training and promoted rights-based decision-making across services

3.5. Challenges Faced

- Increasing complexity of safeguarding concerns, often involving multiple disadvantages
- Ensuring safeguarding outcomes are fully met amid systemic barriers such as housing and immigration

3.6. The Board's 2025–2026 Delivery Plan sets out clear priorities to:

- Put people at the centre of safeguarding
- Spot risks early and prevent harm
- Support people through life changes
- Work better together
- Learn and improve continuously

4. Comments of the Director of Finance

4.1. The Director of Finance has reviewed the report, and his comments have been incorporated.

5. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 5.1. Section 43(5) of the Care Act and schedule 2 set out the requirement for an annual report and its contents. The report should be published by the SAB after the end of each financial year. The report should contain:

- (a) what it has done during that year to achieve its objective,
- (b) what it has done during that year to implement its strategy,
- (c) what each member has done during that year to implement the strategy,
- (d) the findings of the reviews arranged by it under section 44 (safeguarding adults reviews) which have concluded in that year (whether or not they began in that year),
- (e) the reviews arranged by it under that section which are ongoing at the end of that year (whether or not they began in that year),
- (f) what it has done during that year to implement the findings of reviews arranged by it under that section, and
- (g) where it decides during that year not to implement a finding of a review arranged by it under that section, the reasons for its decision.

The report should also have regard to the Care and Support statutory guidance regarding the contents of the report at paragraph 14.157.

6. Environmental Implications

- 6.1. There are no identified environmental implications from the contents of this report.

7. Appendices

- 7.1. Appendix A – Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board annual report 2024/25

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