

Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)

The Care Act 2014 states that local authorities must set up a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). Whilst Tower Hamlets has had a SAB since 2009 the Care Act gives clear directions about which organisations should be represented on the SAB and what the SAB should do. The main objective of a SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements act to safeguard vulnerable adults in Tower Hamlets.

Our vision is to ensure that:

Tower Hamlets is a place where adults at risk of harm are able to live an independent life free from harm where:

- Abuse is not tolerated
- Everyone works together to prevent abuse
- Services respond effectively when abuse is suspected or happens.

Under the Care Act, our SAB has three core duties:

1. It must publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets out how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this.
2. It must publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews and subsequent action.
3. It must conduct any Safeguarding Adults Review in accordance with Section 44 of the Act. A SAR is a in-depth review carried out where someone dies or is seriously injured as a result of neglect and abuse)

The SAB has an Independent Chair and there must also be three core members who should be decision makers for their service:

- The Local Authority (LA)
- The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)
- The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Board Members

The Board is made up of a number of organisations including people from the following:

- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- Councillor
- Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Wellbeing
- Service Manager for Policy, Programmes and Community Insight
- Safeguarding Adults Board Manager
- Service Head, Disability & Health
- Adult Safeguarding Team
- Commissioning
- Joint Team Manager, CLDT
- Community Safety
- Children's Social Care

NHS

- Bart's HealthNHS Trust

- East London NHS Foundation Trust
- Tower Hamlets CCG

Metropolitan Police

- Community Safety Unit

Probation Service

London Fire Service

London Ambulance Service

Care Providers / Service Users

- Excelcare Holdings
- Toynbee Hall
- Mencap
- Age UK
- Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services
- PohWER
- Toynbee Hall
- Real
- Healthwatch Tower Hamlets

Housing

- Tower Hamlets Homes
- Providence Row Housing Association
- Tower Hamlets Housing Forum

Quality Assurance

- Care Quality Commission

The SAB meets 5-6 times a year. There are sub-groups that work on the priorities set by the board which report then back the SAB. These priorities are recorded in the SAB's Annual Business Plan.

To view a copy of the SAB's Strategy for 2015-2019 [click here](#)

To view a copy of the SAB's Annual Report [click here](#)

To view a copy of the SAB's Terms of Reference [click here](#)

Contact

For further information on the SAB please contact the SAB Manager. If you have any concerns about the board or want to write to its independent chair, please contact us, marking your communication:

'Confidential to the Independent Chair'.
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