Islington Safeguarding Adults Partnership

Summary Annual Report 2013-14

Key achievements

- Audit findings have revealed strong practice in keeping people safe from the start of a safeguarding investigation. Our new **audit framework** is helping to make sure learning is used to further improve practice.

- Through the **Community Risk MARAC** we are working closely with the Police and Community Safety to address concerns about anti-social behaviour where the victims are vulnerable and at risk of serious abuse or harm.

- In light of the prevalence of financial abuse we have produced a **financial abuse toolkit**.

- We have started working with Trading Standards on **supporting victims of scams**.

- We have continued to work closely with Community Safety improving the number of MARAC referrals and creating a safeguarding adults and **domestic violence flowchart** for practitioners.

- Following a fatal fire in 2013 involving an adult at risk, we are working to install **domestic sprinklers** into homes for the people most at risk

- We have created a forum to address the needs, issues and risks of **hoarding.**

- **2093 home fire safety visits** were carried out in the borough (the highest in London) and smoke alarms were fitted where needed. 98% of these visits were carried out in the homes of the most vulnerable members of our community.
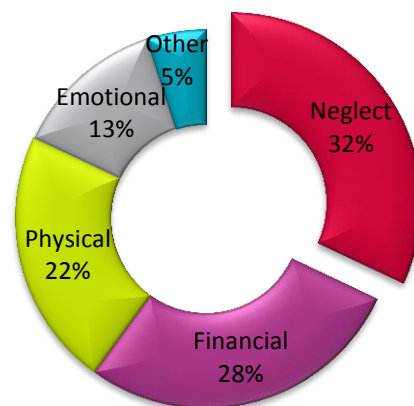
Key statistics

1165 alerts about possible adult abuse or neglect (an increase of 43% on last year)

511 investigations about suspected adult abuse (an increase of 4% on last year)

1 in 3 cases we investigated was about neglect.

In 61% of cases, the suspected abuse took place in the adult's own home

Other 5%
Emotional 13%
Neglect 32%
Physical 22%
Financial 28%

Key developments

- The Care Act 2014 has passed into law. For the first time, safeguarding adults will be on a statutory footing, similar to child protection.

- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards authorisations levels remained similar to last year. Applications and authorisations are expected to increase next year due to the recent 'Cheshire West' Court judgement.