

Islington Safeguarding Adults Board

Summary Annual Review 2016-17

Our Achievements



Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards applications continued to increase sharply. We remain one of the few local authorities that do not have backlogs, and are managing to turn around applications mostly within timescales.



Financial abuse is one of the most common types of abuse in Islington. We implemented a plan to raise awareness about how to spot familial financial abuse and what to do about it.



Our joint learning disability service became a pilot site for a proposed national system for reviewing unexpected deaths of adults in care.



We've been promoting the Making Safeguarding Personal approach to social workers in Islington.



Feedback from our Service User and Carer subgroup is that social isolation is a growing problem. This chimes with findings from national research.



We held a month-long series of different awareness-raising events with conferences and pop-up information stalls at various places in the borough.

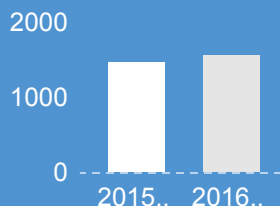


London Fire Brigade has been working with partners to ensure learning from fire safety deaths. A pilot is underway of fire retardant nightwear for adults at risk who smoke in bed.

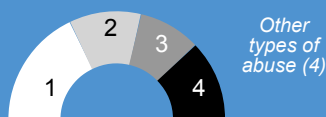


Whittington Health has launched a patient safety newsletter to pass on learning from serious incidents to staff.

Key Statistics



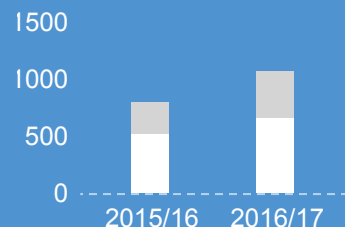
1,555 concerns about possible adult abuse or neglect (6% increase on last year)



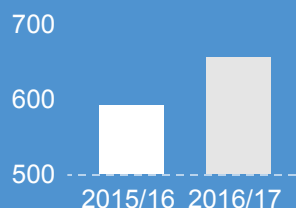
3 most common types of abuse in Islington are neglect (1), financial (2) and physical (3)



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



73% increase in deprivation of liberty safeguards referrals



655 enquiries into suspected adult abuse (11% increase on last year)



1 in 3 cases we looked into were about neglect



In 100% of cases where we agreed abuse took place, we took action



In nearly 3 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



The Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness has started a national conversation about loneliness. Socially isolated adults are at greater risk of abuse and neglect.



Street homelessness has increased significantly in London in recent years. A Homelessness Reduction Bill was debated in parliament.



Draft legislation has been published which proposes replacing Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards with a broader but less onerous system of Liberty Protection Safeguards.



A safeguarding adults review into the care of Ms BB and Ms CC was commissioned. Learning has been identified and will be implemented through an action plan.

We will work on these developments over the next year.