

# Islington Safeguarding Adults Board

## Summary Annual Review 2017-18

### Our Achievements



For the first time in recent years Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards applications have flattened off. We remain one of the few local authorities that do not have backlogs, and turn around application within timescales.



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



We've been implementing the learning from the review into the case of Ms BB and Ms CC.



We've been implementing the Making Safeguarding Personal approach across partner organisations and to social workers in Islington.



In response to a suggestion from a Service User and Carer subgroup we held a social isolation and safeguarding event for service users and carers.



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



The police have set up a dedicated mental health team approaching mental health needs in the community in a more holistic way.

### Key Statistics



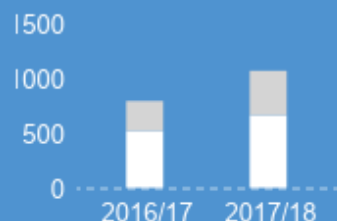
Concerns about possible adult abuse or neglect have more than doubled to 3,618 in 2017/18



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



479 enquiries into suspected adult abuse (27% decrease on last year)



1 in 3 cases we looked into were about neglect



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



In nearly 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



Mental Health issues such as suicides in detention and use of seclusion are coming under the spotlight nationally and internationally.



The Homelessness Reduction Act came into force to address increasing street homelessness.



Parliament is debating draft legislation which proposes replacing Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards with a broader but less onerous system of Liberty Protection Safeguards.



After consultations we developed a new 3-year strategy which is aligned with the Safeguarding Boards in Enfield, Haringey, Camden and Barnet.

We will work on these developments over the next year.