

24th October 2018

Dear Colleague,

**RE: Engagement with the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
Local Safeguarding Adults Board (H & F SAB)**

I am the chair of the new Safeguarding Adults Board for the borough. The purpose of the H & F SAB is *“to help, protect and promote the wellbeing of the borough’s adults who are experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect, and as a result of their care and support needs, are unable to protect themselves against either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.”*

The Board met for the first time in September. It has members from a variety of organisations including the council, police, local hospitals and other health services. However, what is missing and integral to this process is the involvement of the borough’s residents and voluntary sector services. We are looking for local representatives to be part of one of two subgroups; prevention and/or co-production, both of which will report to the Board. The appointed chairs of these groups will become full members of the Board.

The prevention subgroup will give local people, and those who use and provide safeguarding services, the opportunity to inform campaigns and policies designed to increase awareness and how to reduce the abuse of adults living in the borough.

The co-production subgroup will work with the Board to monitor the effectiveness of policies and procedures to ensure that they are making a difference to the lives of those adults deemed at risk of harm or abuse.

The Board is making a difference but that can only be increased through your involvement. I have organised an introductory meeting on **Monday 19th November at 3.30 pm at Committee Room 2 at Hammersmith Town Hall**. I will tell you more about adult safeguarding, the work of the Board and the two proposed subgroups, as well as answering any questions.

I do hope that you or a representative can attend this meeting. I would be grateful if you could confirm that you will be planning to attend by e mailing Elizabeth.Nnochiri@lbhf.gov.uk. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to ring me on 07774 287807.

Yours faithfully



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Independent Chair
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