

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board on the work and progress of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board during the financial year 2019/2020.

Information

2. The Care Act 2014 requires Local Authorities to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board, with the objective to protect adults from abuse and neglect. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) is the statutory multi-agency group of senior managers from key organisations responsible for developing and implementing Nottinghamshire's strategy to safeguard adults at risk.
3. The work undertaken by the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board to achieve this objective, also helps support the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its vision to enable the people of Nottinghamshire to live happier and healthier lives.
4. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board has three core statutory duties; to publish an Annual Report, Strategic Plan and to complete Safeguarding Adults Reviews. Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board achieves its objectives by working in coordination with its members and wider partnership to ensure the effectiveness of local Safeguarding arrangements. Partners include Nottinghamshire Police, Crown Prosecution Service, NHS, local councils and voluntary organisations in Nottinghamshire.
5. As in previous years and referenced in the Chair's Report for January 2021, the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board has recently published its [Annual Report for 2019/20](#). This is attached as **Appendix 1** and is available on the NSAB website at: <https://nsab.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>. The report details the work of the Board to achieve its objectives of year two (2019/20) of its [Strategic Plan](#) and highlights contributions from its partner agencies.

Safeguarding Adults Referrals in 2019/2020

6. In 2019/20 the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub received a 36% rise in Safeguarding Adults Referrals compared to 2018/19. This indicates the increased awareness of abuse and neglect and is reflective of the national trend. In total, 5,814 Safeguarding Adults Referrals were received by the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub.
7. 2,511 of these Safeguarding Adults Referrals progressed to a Section 42 Enquiry. This is an enquiry made by the local authority to decide if, or what, action must be taken where there has been reasonable cause to suspect an adult is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect. Risk was reduced or removed as a result of the Section 42 Enquiry in 85.9% of all cases in 2019/2020.

Key progress in 2019/2020

8. The NSAB delivered its Referrer Training to over 400 people which has resulted in an increase in people who may be subject to abuse and neglect receiving a timely and appropriate response.
9. The Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Boards developed the [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults at Risk Self-Neglect Advice and Toolkit](#) which was successfully launched with a Self-Neglect Workshop.
10. The NSAB delivered a reflective learning session relation to 'complex cases' and ran a popular Trainers Forum. There has also been a dramatic update in readership in its [e-bulletin](#) which shares news, resources and tools relating to Safeguarding in Nottinghamshire.
11. NSAB continues to focus its work towards its three key strategic aims;
 - **Prevention** – To develop and implement preventative strategies that seek to reduce incidence of abuse and neglect within Nottinghamshire.
 - **Assurance** – To develop and implement systems to assure itself that it and all partners have appropriate arrangements in place to safeguard those adults most at risk in Nottinghamshire.
 - **making safeguarding personal (MSP)** – To develop and embed an approach to its work that is person led. It will also support partners to develop processes which are person led, that mean they engage the adult (or their representative) in a conversation about how best to respond to individual safeguarding concerns.

Other Options Considered

12. None.

Reasons for Recommendation

13. This report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work carried out by NSAB to protect adults from abuse and neglect.

Financial Implications

14. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

15. Safeguarding adults is a statutory duty for the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding adults board and a key priority for all partners represented at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers the contents of this report and any actions to support the work of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board in protecting adults at risk from abuse or neglect.

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Constitutional Comments (EP 15/02/2021)

17. The Health and Wellbeing Board are the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (OC20 16/02/2021)

18. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers

- [Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/2020](#)
- [Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/2019](#)
- [Chairs Report, Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board January 2021](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All