

**4 December 2023****Agenda Item:4****REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD****PROGRESS REPORT OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS  
BOARD AGAINST 2022-23 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update on the progress made in 2022-23 by Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) on the three-year strategic plan. The report summarises key information held in the NSAB annual report 2022/23, attached as **Appendix 1**, produced as part of the statutory duties of the Board. This report details that all Care Act statutory duties are being undertaken by the NSAB:
  - Providing a strategic plan ([nsabstrategicplan.pdf \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nsabstrategicplan.pdf))
  - Publishing an annual report ([Annual reports \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/annualreports))
  - Undertaking Section 44 Safeguarding Adult Reviews as required ([Reviews \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/reviews)).

**Information**

2. Work has progressed to meet the three strategic aims of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board ('the Board'): Prevention; Assurance and Engagement. Progress is reported through the annual report with highlights noted below under the five Board business plan headings:

**To improve communication and engagement with the diverse communities in Nottinghamshire**

3. The Board's Communication sub-group has been reviewed, new terms of reference approved, and wider membership established. Next steps will be for the sub-group to produce a communication strategy focussed to develop consistent messaging to a wider audience.
4. The Board membership has been reviewed putting in steps to widen representation and this is being progressed in the business plan. Representatives are from SERCO, the Dioceses in Nottingham and Southwell, the National Rehabilitation Centre, and the Prison Service. The development of these working relationships will enrich the direction and approaches taken by the Board when seeking assurances across the system. Council lead member representation on the Board is in place to strengthen links moving forward.

## **To increase participation of people with lived experience in shaping services**

5. Following the Panorama programme highlighting abuse at Edenfield Hospital, the Board has engaged with the Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board to gain assurance through establishing a 'task & finish group' regarding 'closed cultures' in local intellectual disability and mental health settings. The subsequent action plan tasks the Board to engage with advocacy services to enter Mental Health settings and make judgements around the culture and experiences of people accessing these services.
6. The voice of lived experience continues to be embedded within the Board's agenda, an example of this would be the 'our voice' co-production group presenting to the Board on the work undertaken to shape Adult Social Care preparations for inspection. This is ongoing work taken into the 2023-24 business plan.

## **Quality assurance & performance monitoring**

7. As a result of the 'closed cultures' working group, progress has been made by the partnership to create a provider collaborative forum with independent mental health services. Ongoing work to data share with the Care Quality Commission on 'whistleblowing' will also help to understand organisational cultures and improve information flow.
8. The annual report summarises that there has been a 7% (9,090) reduction in concerns being raised at the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) against the previous year, with 7,720 being dealt with at an early stage by MASH. The Key Performance Indicators show that Nottinghamshire is performing in line with the national Social Adult Collection measures submitted to NHS digital. Data 'spotlights' have been introduced to enable partners to share intelligence and trends to better inform the Board's work.

## **Governance, structure, and support functions**

9. The Board has implemented a layered governance arrangement with the introduction of an Executive group meeting consisting of the three lead statutory agencies with responsibility for the Board: Adult Social Care, Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board.
10. The persons in position of trust multi-agency guidance was developed and launched to inform partners on processes when concerns are raised about professionals. The Board provides ongoing support through face to face and virtual learning offers i.e., raising safeguarding concerns, difficulty engaging, and Domestic Abuse learning covering coercive behaviour. The learning offer is informed by the provider assurance tool and safeguarding adults reviews outlined in the next section.

## **Collaboration and partnership working to continuously learn and improve**

### **Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) – Statutory Duty**

11. Following their publication, two active ‘Safeguarding Adult Reviews’ action plans are in place, with ongoing governance and accountability for progress overseen by the SAR Sub-group and the Board.
12. Two mandatory ‘Safeguarding Adult Reviews’ were commissioned in the reporting period. This will provide reflective learning about support for carers and Homelessness services in Nottinghamshire. The Homelessness case was submitted by the Rough Sleeper Initiative in Nottinghamshire and evidences the benefits of developing the wider membership of the Board.
13. Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board has submitted a case for the Regional Safeguarding Adult Review, and the independent auditor identified good practice when looking at the learning offer provided by the Board. The report findings have informed the Board’s opportunities to commission ‘system learning’ when mandatory Safeguarding Adult Reviews are undertaken.

### **Financial Implications**

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

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee:

- 1) receives and considers the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022/23.
- 2) continues to review the work of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board by receiving and considering its Annual Report each year.

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### **Constitutional Comments (GMG 15/11/23)**

15. This report falls within the remit of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee to consider (see Section 6, Part 1, paragraph 3 of the Council’s Constitution at page 90).

## **Financial Comments (CMER 10/11/23)**

16. As previously stated, there are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adult Board 2022-2025

[nsabstrategicplan.pdf \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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