

**12 June 2023****Agenda Item: 6****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 a progress report on the current activities of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on 12 December 2022.

**Information**

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

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

3. The Board Communication sub-group has been reviewed to strengthen the mix of partners and a new chair appointed. The terms of reference have been updated and a revised communication plan drawn up.
4. At the request of the Select Committee, the Board undertook assurance work regarding how the adult safeguarding needs of refugees and asylum seekers are met in Nottinghamshire. This resulted in contact being made with Serco, the accommodation provider for Nottinghamshire, and agreement reached that two six-monthly updates would be provided by Serco to the Board, complete with supporting data (Serco have already presented for the first time at April Board), and that Serco would undertake to complete the annual 'Performance Assurance Tool', alongside other partner agencies, reporting upon their safeguarding activity and how they contribute towards the strategic priorities of the Board. Additionally, a site visit has been undertaken by the Independent Chair and Board Manager, with initial quality assurance and analysis undertaken. This found that staff induction, pathway guidance and training were areas the Board will continue to engage with Serco to develop.

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

5. The Adult Social Care and Health 'Our voice' co-production group presented to the Quality Assurance sub-group to inform development of the engagement in areas of the Board's work. This resulted in increased awareness that the voice of people with lived experience of adult safeguarding should be heard at the Board and reflected in partner agencies' practice. An example of this has been developments in the Board's learning offer where a person with lived experience of homelessness has agreed to speak at a 'difficult to engage' training session to enhance discussions and provide a person-centred perspective to the day.

## **Quality assurance & performance monitoring**

6. Following the Panorama programme highlighting abuse at Edenfield Hospital, the Board has engaged with the Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board to gain assurance, via a 'task & finish group', regarding 'closed cultures' in local intellectual disability and mental health settings. This was the key focus of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board partnership event on 9 May 2023. The 'task and finish' group chair will present findings and recommendations to the Executive Group in late June 2023 for consideration and approval.
7. A new Chair for the Quality Assurance sub-group has been appointed, and a new 'Quality Assurance Framework' adopted, along with revised Terms of Reference and actions aligned to the priorities of the Board.
8. An independently commissioned evaluation of 'Safeguarding Adults Reviews'(SARs) was undertaken regionally in preparation for Care Quality Commission readiness as requested by the regional ADASS group (Association of Director of Adult Social Services). The report found that NSAB provided a good learning offer through its resources, following on from the learning identified in the SAR report. Further recommendations will be implemented in the Board's business plan.
9. Local Authority adult safeguarding data is already scrutinised by the Board to gain assurance. Alongside this, the Board, via the Quality Assurance sub-group, is now requesting relevant adult safeguarding data from partners to inform its work and future business plans.

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

10. The Board has agreed the introduction of 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 & Health, Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board. These three agencies will meet separately from the existing wider Board membership and be responsible for making key Board decisions. They will be supported in this function by the four sub-group chairs and Board manager. This was the key recommendation from the independent report commissioned last year and in line with national best practice.

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

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 new 'Safeguarding Adult Reviews' have commenced and are now at the planning stage, with practitioner events scheduled to help develop the 'key lines of enquiry'. The reports will then be drafted by the independent authors commissioned, subject to refinement and ratification by the Board and subsequent publication at a later date. Aligned to this will be 'action plans' for partners based on identified learning from the reports. A further update will be provided to the Committee when the annual report is presented later in the year.
13. A collaborative SAR has been jointly commissioned with Children's Services to look at learning from both a 'trauma informed practice' and 'transitional safeguarding' perspective.
14. The NSAB 'Competency framework' and 'Learning pathway' is under review by the Learning & Development sub-group. The scheduled learning offer from the Board for this year consists of two courses, 'how to identify and raise safeguarding concerns' and 'working with complexity in safeguarding'. Alongside this the Board is hosting two 'domestic abuse' training sessions run by 'Equation', our locally commissioned partner.

## **Financial Implications**

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

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Committee:

- 1) comments upon and notes the report.
- 2) continues to receive annual progress reports on the work of Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board, in the form of a presentation of the Board's annual report.

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### **Constitutional Comments (GMG 30/05/23)**

16. This report falls within the remit of the Select Committee for consideration.

### **Financial Comments (LCD 30/05/23)**

17. There are no direct 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 \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/NSASAB/strategicplan/strategicplan.pdf)

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

All.