

12 December 2022

Agenda Item: 4

**REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC  
HEALTH****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT  
2021-22****Purpose of the Report**


1. To provide an update on the progress made in 2021-22 by the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) interim strategic plan. The report summarises key information held in the annual report produced as part of the Board's core duties. This report details that all Care Act statutory duties are being undertaken by the Board:
  - Providing a strategic plan ([nsabstrategicplan.pdf \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#))
  - Publishing an annual report ([nsabannualreport20-21.pdf \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#))
  - Undertaking Section 44 Safeguarding Adult Reviews as required ([Reviews \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)).

**Information**

2. **Table 1** below shows work progressed to meet the three strategic aims of Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board - Prevention, Quality Assurance and Engagement.

**Table 1**

Identified goals in the interim strategic plan	What NSAB did to achieve this
We will assure ourselves that the Board and partner organisations continue to work together to be effective and comply with current guidance and best practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It has worked to update its policies and procedures to reflect the latest ADASS (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services) guidance and an independent review of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub processes which has yet to be agreed.</li><li>• It developed a people in positions of trust framework to assist partner organisations to review and develop their own policies.</li></ul>

<p>We will continue to develop and implement systems to provide assurance that Safeguarding Adults arrangements in Nottinghamshire are effective, person-centred, and outcome-focused equally for all of our community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has also sought assurance via a partnership assurance tool (PAT) to highlight what partners are doing to support the achievement of the Board's strategic objectives and shows how they work together and have effective systems in place.</li> <li>• It also monitored and analysed safeguarding concerns by age, ethnicity, gender and primary support reason to ensure that these were person-centred and outcome-focused. This understanding will help shape work in year 2 of the strategic plan.</li> <li>• Following a review, good progress was being made towards achieving Healthwatch's recommendations regarding preferred levels of engagement, information provision and support to assist adults and families to express their desired outcomes. Work relating to co-producing complaints training and revising procedures and adopting a three-tier conversation approach to ensure support is expedited and based around people's preferences were welcomed.</li> </ul>
<p>We will ensure those at most risk of abuse and neglect receive a timely and appropriate response when Safeguarding concerns are raised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has supported the development of a new online Safeguarding Adults Referral form designed to improve the quality of safeguarding adults' referrals received by the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.</li> <li>• This enabled the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub to target its resources on those at most risk of abuse and neglect and resolve more concerns without the need to pass them on to district social work teams.</li> <li>• The Board set new targets for the percentage of adults where risk was reduced or removed following the safeguarding concerns.</li> </ul>
<p>We will analyse and report on Safeguarding data to ensure that we are shaping and targeting our response to abuse and neglect based on evidence and need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dashboards were used to analyse Safeguarding Data on a monthly basis during the Covid pandemic to enable trends to be identified earlier and the Board to consider actions to respond to these.</li> <li>• Data snapshot- Nottinghamshire 2021-22:</li> </ul>  <p>The infographic displays the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Population:</b> 828,224 live in Nottinghamshire; 173,311 are aged 60 and over.</li> <li><b>Concerns:</b> 9,758 concerns raised during this year 2021/22; 46% increase in the number of concerns received.</li> <li><b>Enquiries:</b> 3,718 concerns became enquiries; 18% increase in the number of enquiries required.</li> <li><b>Abuse Location:</b> 47% of abuse occurred in the person's home.</li> <li><b>Perpetrator:</b> in 75% of cases the perpetrator of abuse was known to the person.</li> <li><b>Reported Concerns:</b> 26% of reported safeguarding concerns involved neglect; 17% involved physical abuse; 16% involved organisational abuse.</li> <li><b>Demographics:</b> 96% of people involved in 5.42 enquiries were white; 4% from minority ethnic groups.</li> <li><b>Outcomes:</b> 84% were supported to give their views; 79% were satisfied with outcomes.</li> <li><b>Gender:</b> 58% women, 42% men; More women than men were subject to 5.42 enquiries.</li> </ul>

Safeguarding Adults Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K19 &amp; L20 SAR action plans to be progressed looking at complex lives, Domestic Abuse, Care Act compliance, Mental Capacity Act and coercion and control. 7-minute briefings have been developed to support sector reflections on the learning in the review. These can be found at <a href="https://resources.nottinghamshire.gov.uk">Resources (nottinghamshire.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>
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### Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Plans for the next 6-12 months

3. In response to the challenges faced by the system (please see **Appendix 1**) the priorities listed below will be taken forward by Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board:
  - Following the Panorama programme highlighting abuse at Edenfield, NSAB will be engaging with Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) to look at assurances and 'closed cultures' in Intellectual Disability and Mental Health settings.
  - To implement recommendations from an independently commissioned review of NSAB to embed governance arrangements and broaden quality assurance activity and data analysis. NSAB will concentrate on delivering year 2 priorities as identified by the safeguarding partnership.
  - To progress and complete two newly commissioned safeguarding adult reviews (SAR) for system learning relating to complex lives/ carer support & homelessness hostels.
  - Continue to link with Adult Social Care and ICB working groups relating to safeguarding and care sector reforms i.e. Care Quality Commission inspectorate in April 2023.
  - Due regard and consideration will be given to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse recommendations and Homes for Ukraine steering group as ongoing pieces of work.

### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. To provide additional scrutiny and oversight by Adult Social Care and Public Health as a key stakeholder in enabling the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board to meet its statutory duties.

### Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

5. The annual report is based upon consolidated responses and analysis from across the Nottinghamshire system when evaluating the effectiveness of services to Safeguarding Adults (see **Appendix 1** for emerging themes).
6. Further consultation will be provided at the November Partnership event and the analysis will inform the ongoing collaborations at the NSAB January development day. This in turn will inform the business plan that is monitored by NSAB multi-agency sub-groups to drive the safeguarding adults agenda in Nottinghamshire.

## RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee notes the contents of the report and agrees to review annually ongoing work of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

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### **Constitutional Comments (CEH 29/11/22)**

7. The report falls within the remit of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee.

### **Financial Comments (MVJ 30/11/22)**

8. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress made in 2021-22 by the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) interim strategic plan and to agree annual review of ongoing work of the Board, which at this stage, does not have any direct financial implications.

### **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 2020-21 interim strategic plan  
[nsabannualreport20-21.pdf \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adult Board 2022-2025  
[nsabstrategicplan.pdf \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report 2020-21  
[nsabannualreport20-21.pdf \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board  
[Resources \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

2020-21 Safeguarding Adults Benchmarking report  
[Safeguarding - Power BI Report Server](#)

ASFG 008 Safeguarding Performance Indicators  
[Safeguarding - Power BI Report Server](#)

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

All.