



Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board

Strategic Plan

2018 – 2021

(Year One Priorities – 2018-19)

Introduction

This is the second Strategic Plan from the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB). In the first, I opened the introduction by stating that “I am personally committed to working towards the vision of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) which is:

‘A county where all adults can live a life free from abuse or neglect.’

Our aim is to do this by working in partnership with the citizens of Nottinghamshire, along with statutory and non-statutory agencies, to deliver a joined-up service to those adults at most risk of abuse and neglect, across the county. We will do this by ensuring all partners work together and hold them to account, via Board members, where necessary.”

I remain committed to this approach and wanted to reiterate these thoughts in this plan. We have already made significant progress but there is still much more that we can do.

We have developed the Board in line with the Care Act 2014 and its statutory guidance, and although we achieved the majority of the measures and targets we set ourselves, we will continue to develop our safeguarding approaches to ensure that we achieve our priorities around prevention, making safeguarding personal and assurance.

This strategic plan puts service users and their carers at the heart of what we do. We will not only listen, but we will ensure citizens will have a real voice and are fully involved in all aspects of our safeguarding work. By doing so, it demonstrates our commitment to work with service users and carers at both a strategic and operational level.

In the next three years, the Safeguarding Adults Board will continue to achieve its statutory obligations by reviewing this strategic plan annually, publishing an annual report and conducting any safeguarding adults reviews in accordance with section 44 of the Care Act (2014)

The rest of this strategic plan outlines our work over the next three years, detailing what we will achieve to safeguard adults at risk, across Nottinghamshire.

Allan Breeton
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Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board

Principles

The work of Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board is underpinned by the six safeguarding principles as defined in the Care Act (2014):

Empowerment – Nottinghamshire citizens will be supported and encouraged to make their own decisions through informed consent.

Prevention – In Nottinghamshire we believe it is better to take action before harm occurs.

Proportionality – To safeguard the citizens of Nottinghamshire we will take the least intrusive response appropriate to the risk.

Protection – We will support and ensure representation for those in greatest need in Nottinghamshire.

Partnership – Solutions will come from agencies and citizens working together across Nottinghamshire, all having a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

Accountability – The work of the Board will be transparent and accountable to the citizens of Nottinghamshire.

Our strategic aims for 2018 – 2021

NSAB, in consultation with its wider partnership, service users and their carers, the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and Healthwatch, have agreed the following three strategic aims to enable it to achieve its vision.

These are:

- **Prevention**
NSAB will develop and implement preventative strategies that seek to reduce incidence of abuse and neglect within Nottinghamshire.
- **Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)**
NSAB will develop and embed an approach to its work that is person led. We 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.
- **Assurance**
NSAB will 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.

Implementation and Governance Arrangements

This strategic plan will be reviewed annually. An annual action plan will detail the key actions required to deliver the strategic plan, in line with our priorities for 2018-2019 listed below. The Board's sub groups will help us deliver the strategic plan and ensure citizens and partners can contribute to this.

What we will do in year one

Prevention

Developing a prevention strategy

1. We will develop a prevention strategy that clearly identifies how we will aim to reduce incidence of abuse and neglect in Nottinghamshire and how we will measure the success of this.

Making Safeguarding Personal

Service User Engagement with Board

1. We will develop approaches to the Board's work which will enable service users to support and influence its work.

Service User feedback

1. We will develop a process to enable meaningful feedback from service users who have experienced safeguarding interventions, to improve practice.
2. We will work with partners to embed Making Safeguarding Personal into their practices in a way that is meaningful to them.

Assurance

Board Assurance

1. We will ensure that the Board continues to be effective and complies with current legislation and best practice.

Partner Assurance

1. We will review and develop the partner self-assessment assurance tool, which all partners will be expected to complete.
2. We will support partners who identify areas of development following completion of the revised self-assessment assurance tool.

Safeguarding Practice Assurance

1. We will create and implement a multi-agency audit process, building on the local authority's quality assurance framework.

How we will measure our success

Individual action plans will be developed by the Board's Quality Assurance, Learning & Development and Communications sub groups respectively. Action plans will be linked to the priorities listed in the 'what we will do in year one' section of this strategic plan and updates will be provided as part of sub group reports at each Board meeting.

Task and finish groups will be set up as required.