

# WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL CABINET

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**Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration:  
Councillor Matt Golby**

Report Title	Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2022-2023
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## List of Appendices

**Appendix A – Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2022 – 2023.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. To present the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2022-23. The report outlines Board and statutory partner achievements during the year.

### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1 Under section 43 of the Care Act 2014, every local authority must establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) for its area. The objective of a SAB is to help and protect adults in its area

and assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area.

Under section 14.136 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance, a SAB has 3 core duties:

- It must publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this.
- It must publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objectives and implement its strategic plan.
- It must conduct any safeguarding adults review in accordance with Section 44 of the Act.

2.2 The NSAB Annual Report 2022-2023 provides an overview of the Board's progress and achievements against the NSAB Strategic Plan for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. The progress made against the plan is detailed via the achievements of the NSAB Sub Groups, work of the Delivery Board and Strategic Board.

### **3. Recommendations**

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3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet receive the Annual Report of Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board 2022 – 2023 (Appendix A) and note the findings.

### **4. Reason for Recommendations**

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4.1 Under the Care Act 2014 section 43, the Local Authority has a duty to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board, who in turn has a core duty to publish an annual report. The report provides assurance to the Cabinet of the activities undertaken to help safeguard adults across West Northamptonshire.

### **5. Report Background**

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5.1 The report has been developed including contributions from the four statutory partners and was reviewed and approved by NSAB's Strategic Board on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The report was also received at the WNC ELT on 9th October 2023.

5.2 The Care Act 2014 places Safeguarding Adult Boards on a statutory footing with a requirement to produce and publicise an annual report.

5.3 The report highlights the progress and achievements made during the period and also advises the future developments for WNC for the year ahead to safeguard adults in West Northamptonshire.

5.4 The format of the report aligns with the NSAB Strategic Plan, and includes key messages and impact of activities that relate to:

- (a) Raising community awareness of how to report safeguarding concerns.
- (b) Providing multi-agency training opportunities and learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews for frontline workers via the week of learning.

- (c) Continued development of a data dashboard to provide analysis of safeguarding data to support greater understanding i.e. safeguarding concern through to safeguarding enquiry. The information is used to inform the strategic plan.
- (d) Under section 44 of the Care Act 2014, undertake Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) when an adult in its area dies, or at risk as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult.
- (e) Working in partnership with local authorities and local Healthwatch to understand adults' experience of the s42 safeguarding process.
- (f) Providing scrutiny and challenge regarding the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements across the partnership.
- (g) Developing working arrangements with the Voluntary & Community Sector Assembly, Safeguarding Children's Partnership and Community Safety Partnerships.
- (h) Review how well agencies are working together to effectively safeguard adults at risk of abuse and neglect via case audit activities.

## **6. Issues and Choices**

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- 6.1 The report has been developed via contributions from statutory partners and has been reviewed and approved by NSAB's Strategic Board.
- 6.2 An Equality Screening Assessment was completed to evidence the impact the NSAB Annual Report 2022-2023 may have on equality groups within the community. Results concluded that the Annual Report has no impact on the protected groups. See Appendix
- 6.3 The Annual Report will be made accessible and will be published on the NSAB website for individuals to access. As the document is accessible this means that individuals can use Dragan Naturally Speaking technology (or similar) in order to read the document.
- 6.4 Alternative formats or alternative languages for the annual report will be considered by request by contacting the NSAB Business Office.

## **7. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **7.1 Resources and Financial**

- 7.1.1 There are no financial implications arising from the presentation of the report at this time.

### **7.2 Legal**

- 7.2.1 It is a legal requirement under The Care Act 2014 for Safeguarding Adults Boards to publish an Annual Report.

### **7.3 Risk**

- 7.3.1 Under the Care Act 2014, the Local Authority has a duty to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), which in turn must publish an annual report. In order to mitigate risk, the report is

designed to highlight achievements for the year and future priorities for the statutory partners. Monitoring of progress enables early action to be taken where there are areas of significant risk or failure to deliver.

#### **7.4 Consultation and Communications**

7.4.1 There have been no public consultation in respect of the NSAB Annual Report 2022-2023, but an approval process has taken place, as detailed below:

- Statutory Partners provided their input in respect of their achievements for the period along with their areas for improvement for 2023-2024.
- The draft Annual Report 2022-23 was approved by NSAB Strategic Board members on Thursday 5th October 2023 and WNC ELT on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### **7.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny**

7.5.1 N/A

#### **7.6 Climate Impact**

7.6.1 NSAB are aware there are emissions associated with publishing web content and will seek to minimise the impact where possible.

#### **7.7 Community Impact**

7.7.1 There is no distinct community impact arising from the Report.

### **8. Background Papers**

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8.1 The Care Act 2014 – [Care Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

8.2 [Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2021 – 2023](#)

8.3 Equality Impact Statement.