

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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Report Title Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB)
Annual Report 2020 – 2021

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To present the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2020-21. The report outlines Board and statutory partner achievements during the year.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 It is a statutory requirement under the Care Act 2014 for Safeguarding Adult Boards to produce an annual report each year. The NSAB Annual Report 2020-21 provides an overview of the Board's achievements against the NSAB Strategic Plan for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. Progress made against the plan are detailed via the achievements of the NSAB Sub Groups, work of the Delivery Board and Strategic Board.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that Council receive the Annual Report of Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board 2020 – 2021 (Appendix A) and note the findings.

4. Reason for Recommendations (NOTE: this section is mandatory and must be completed)

- 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 Council that activities have been undertaken to safeguard adults across the county during the course of the year.

5. Report Background

- 5.1 The report has been developed with contributions from statutory partners and has been reviewed and approved by NSAB's Strategic Board.
- 5.2 This is the first annual report received by West Northamptonshire Council and will inform future developments to safeguard adults in the West Northamptonshire area.
- 5.4 The report includes quantitative and qualitative evidence, key messages, and impact of activities that relate to:
- (a) community awareness of adult abuse and neglect and how to respond
 - (b) analysis of safeguarding data, to better understand the reasons that lie behind local data returns and use the information to improve the strategic plan and operational arrangements
 - (c) what adults who have experienced the process say and the extent to which their wishes (outcomes) have been realised
 - (d) what front line practitioners say about outcomes for adults and about their ability to work in a personalised way with those adults
 - (e) better reporting of abuse and neglect
 - (f) evidence of success of strategies to prevent abuse or neglect
 - (g) feedback from local Healthwatch, adults who use care and support services, and carers, community groups, advocates, service providers and other partners
 - (h) how successful adult safeguarding is at linking with other parts of the system, for example children's safeguarding, domestic violence services, community safety
 - (i) the impact of training carried out and analysis of future need
 - (j) and, how well agencies are co-operating and collaborating.

6. Issues and Choices

- 6.1 As above.

7. Implications (including financial implications)

- 7.1 **Resources and Financial**

7.1.1 There are no financial implications arising from the presentation of the report at this time, but a business case for essential additional resources for the financial periods 2022-23 and 2023-24 has been discussed and since approved by West Northamptonshire Council.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 The relevant legal provisions and requirements are set out in paragraph 2.1.

7.3 Risk

7.3.1 See above legal impact

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk
Under the Care Act 2014, the Local Authority has a duty to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), who in turn must publish an annual report.	The report is designed to highlight achievements for the year and future priorities. Monitoring of progress enables early action to be taken where there are areas of significant risk or failure to deliver.	Green

Risk(s) associated with not undertaking the proposal

Risk	Risk Rating
In accordance with the Care Act 2014, NSAB has a core duty to publish an annual report.	Green

7.4 Consultation

7.4.1 There has been no public consultation in respect of the NSAB Annual Report 2020-21, but an approval process has been undertaken as below:

Statutory Partners have provided their input in respect of their achievements for period along with their areas for improvement for 2021-22.

The draft Annual Report 2020-21 was circulated to NSAB Strategic Board members on Thursday 7th October 2021 ahead of NSAB Strategic Board on 13th October 2021 where the report was tabled for approval by members.

The Strategic Board scheduled for 13th October 2021 was cancelled and the Annual Report was then circulated to members for virtual ratification on 14th October. Approval was received virtually by all Statutory Partners by 30th November 2021.

7.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

7.5.1 N/A

7.6 **Climate Impact**

7.6.1 There is no climate/environmental impact arising from the NSAB Annual Report 2020-21 as it is shared on the NSAB website and not printed.

7.7 **Community Impact**

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

7.8 **Communications**

7.8.1 The report will be published on the NSAB website - www.northamptonshiresab.org.uk

8. **Background Papers**

The Care Act 2014 - [Care Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2019 – 2021