

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL CABINET

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**CABINET MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR ADULT CARE, WELLBEING AND
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Appendix A – Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2021 – 2022.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2021-22. The report outlines Board and statutory partner achievements during the year.

2. Executive Summary

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 2021-2022 provides an overview of the Board's progress and achievements against the NSAB Strategic Plan for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. 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

3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet receive the Annual Report of Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board 2021 – 2022 (Appendix A) and note the findings.

4. Reason for Recommendations

4.1 To comply with statutory requirements under the Care Act 2014
To ensure that Cabinet is made aware of the work of the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

5. Report Background

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 6th October 2022. The report was also received at the WNC ELT on 18th October 2022.

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 This is the second annual report received by West Northamptonshire Council (WNC).

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

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

- a) Raising community awareness of how to report safeguarding concerns via the #Report It campaign.
- b) Providing multi-agency training opportunities and learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews for frontline workers via the week of learning.
- c) Developing a new dashboard to provide analysis of safeguarding data to understand the reasons for safeguarding concerns, and to use the information to inform the strategic plan and operational arrangements including adults' desired outcomes (Making Safeguarding Personal).
- d) Under section 44 of the Care Act 2014, undertake Safeguarding Adult Reviews when an adult in its area dies 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 (in progress).
- f) Providing scrutiny and challenge regarding the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements across the partnership.
- g) Developing closer 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 harm and abuse via self-case audit activities.

6. Issues and Choices

- 6.1 The report has been developed via contributions from statutory partners and has been reviewed and approved by NSAB's Strategic Board.

7. Implications

7.1 Resources and Financial

- 7.1.1 There are no financial implications arising from the presentation of the report at this time. The NSAB Strategic Board has already approved the budget for 2023-2024.

7.2 Legal

- 7.2.1 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.

There are no specific equalities implications for the receipt of the Annual Report.

7.3 Risk

- 7.3 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

7.4.1 There has been no public consultation in respect of the NSAB Annual Report 2021-2022, but an approval process has taken place, as detailed below:

- Statutory Partners provided their input in respect of their achievements for period along with their areas for improvement for 2022-2023.
- The draft Annual Report 2021-2022 was approved by NSAB Strategic Board members on Thursday 6th October 2022 and WNC ELT on 18th October 2022. Members of NSAB's Strategic Board include senior officers from the two local authorities, lead members for adult care and wellbeing, the Integrated Care Board, and Northamptonshire Police.

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 2021-22 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

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](#)