

Strategic Plan on a Page – April 2023 to March 2026

SAB Vision: We will support adults at risk of harm to prevent abuse happening; when it does occur, we will act swiftly to achieve good outcomes and we will consult with the Local Healthwatch as a source of support to inform SAB activity.



Reflection and Innovation

Reflect upon the local safeguarding picture, identify trends and innovative actions

- Monitor and analyse any increase in safeguarding reports and identify any follow-up activity.
- Monitor and analyse any decrease in reports from partners to inform upon hidden victims, with a lens on specific issues, for example, domestic abuse, self-harm/suicides, self-neglect and/or hoarding, substance misuse, discriminatory abuse.
- Reflect and review upon potential safeguarding activity, for example, cost of living, homelessness, mental health, transitional safeguarding and supported by a range of accessible data.
- Identify and monitor emerging trends to forecast anticipated impact for agencies for example, resource implications/staffing capacity.
- Prioritise the new SAB workload informed by intelligence/data collation and dashboard development.
- Link with regional and national forums for emerging issues & identify collective action.
- Identify themes/issues for additional action by Safeguarding Assurance Group.



Safeguarding Assurance

Seek assurance from agencies and use that information to strengthen safeguarding

- To monitor compliance with organisational safeguarding adult standards including mental capacity.
- To seek assurance of single agency progress against implementation of Liberty Protection Safeguards.
- Consider a selection of reviews to identify relevant learning, gaining assurance from partners through a variety of routes of how learning is shared/embedded
- Remain sighted of single agency pressures and/or emerging trends that may impact upon adult safeguarding practice.
- Seek assurance from agencies that they are mindful of health and social care inequalities with focus upon how it may inform their local safeguarding responses.
- Seek assurance of single agency activity for a broad range of topics relevant to the organisation.
- Seek partner assurance for areas of concern or themes as identified from the RIG to inform messages, and actions for communication and training.
- Seek confirmation from single agencies that relevant guidance for their organisation type is adhered in relation to Making Safeguarding Personal/Person Centred Practice.



Communication and Engagement

Share key messages with our community, our networks and work co-productively with adults

- Ensure effective and clear communication to professionals, the public and persons accessing safeguarding services.
- Link with partners and the wider voluntary sector, sharing information and key safeguarding messages that emerge, to prevent and protect people from harm. For example (not exhaustive) social isolation, financial abuse, discriminatory abuse and hate-crime and domestic abuse and exploitation.
- Adopt various ways of working to continue our work of co-production with persons accessing services.
- Promote inclusivity and participation across all engagement to continue to ensure the voice of adults and practitioners is heard in all SAB activity.
- Continue to coordinate and deliver annual Safeguarding Week that includes a range of themes, with a key focus upon disabilities, transitional safeguarding, and exploitation.

Making a Difference – DSAP Key Focus



Performance assurance and reporting

Lived Experience and Voice of Adults

Sharing and acting on the Learning from SARs (including Whorlton Hall)

Training and Learning



Continue to work creatively to ensure a broad and comprehensive safeguarding adults training offer is available to all professionals, staff and volunteers. Quality assure and evaluate the training offer, supported by the multi-agency trainer network.

Training Needs

Effective resources

Impact Analysis



Measuring our Effectiveness



Audit activity

Assurance reporting

Challenge Forums

Acting on Self-assessment Audit

Impact Measures and Statements

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