

**Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board
21st September 2022**

Report Topic:	Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Bi-Annual Report 2020-2022
Contact Officer:	Deb Ward
Link to board priorities	<p>Please include in your report how your work links to one or more of our board priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will help keep people healthier for longer 2. We will help keep people safe and support communities 3. We will work together to join up services 4. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services
Purpose of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sandwell's Safeguarding Adults Board's Bi-Annual Report for consideration and comment. • The Board's 2020-2022 Bi-Annual Report is presented to Health & Wellbeing Board by Sandwell Safeguarding Independent Chair and Sandwell Safeguarding Adult's Board Manager.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board is invited to consider and comment upon the Bi-Annual Report.
Key Discussion points:	<p>(please include links to our board priorities as shown above)</p> <p><i>How we keep people healthier for longer</i></p> <p>Sandwell Safeguarding Adult Board (SSAB) has a mandate to work with partners and people with care and support needs to create and maintain effective</p>

Safeguarding arrangements this involves prioritising and understanding of what is abuse and when to report it.

How we help keep people safe and support communities

Adopt a campaign focus in Safeguarding, engaging with local people.

SSAB actively participate in Safer Sandwell Six Campaign and promote the See Something, Do Something campaign.

Gathering data and analysis that identifies the current Safeguarding picture in Sandwell helping to identifying trends and themes that then inform Safeguarding practice and strategic direction.
Consider the impact of COVID-19 on Safeguarding.

This year we have received data from SMBC from individuals and/or their representatives on if they feel they are safer because of the help they received from people responding to the safeguarding concern. 91% of people reported that they felt safer because of the care and support services they received, this is good news. We continue to monitor as part of safeguarding practice whether because of intervention the risk posed to the individual was reduced or removed. Risk enablement is a fundamental approach to making safeguarding personal.

The priorities below will inform the work of the Board, Sub Groups and any specific project groups. Examples of work undertaken to date include a review of Board membership ensuring Board members are appropriately senior and can make

decisions on behalf of their organisations. The appointment of a development worker within the Board Business team with a focus on effective engagement. A commitment to proactively work with the third sector with a view to developing an early help partnership for adults. Supporting safeguarding in its broadest sense being the business of everyone, contributing to communities and neighbourhoods in Sandwell being a place where people feel respected cared for and safe.

For 2020-22 SSAB has five key priorities, agreed in consultation with partners these are:

1. Listen to the voice of service user and frontline staff
2. Develop more inclusive Performance Data
3. Specific Projects to be discussed with the four Statutory Boards which all focus on Prevention
4. Board Governance

We will work together to join up services

SSAB works in partnership with other Statutory Boards in Sandwell supporting the Prevention of Violence and Exploitation Agenda and focusing on place-based solutions ensuring Safeguarding is a priority.

SSAB is committed to working in partnership with all and is imbedding work with people who use services and looking at effective engagement.

How we work closely with local people Partners and providers of Services.

SSAB works closely with the other Statutory Boards and has taken the lead on developing both internal

	and external communication strategies and campaigns.
Implications (e.g. Financial, Statutory etc)	
<p>SSAB performs a statutory function ensuring robust strategic partnerships in respect of safeguarding adults with care and support needs. There are no financial implications.</p>	
What engagement has or will take place with people, partners and providers?	SSAB is a multi-agency forum and the Bi-Annual Report has been co-produced with the engagement of key partners.