


6th December 2023

Subject:	Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-2023	
Presenting Officer and Organisation	Deb Ward, Operations Manager, Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board	
Purpose of Report	Information	

1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board is invited to consider and comment upon the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-2023.

2 Links to the following Board Priorities

Priority 1	<p>We will help keep people healthier for longer Sandwell Safeguarding Adult Board (SSAB) has a mandate to work with partners and people with care and support needs to create and maintain effective Safeguarding arrangements this involves prioritising and understanding of what is abuse and when to report it.</p>
Priority 2	<p>We will 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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. 87% of people reported that they felt safer because of the care and support services they received. We continue to ask people how they feel about the support they receive and 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 commitment to proactively working with the third sector with a view to developing an early help partnership for adults.
- a task and finish group exploring the prevalence of domestic abuse and adults with needs for care and support
- a focus on Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs); a statutory function of SSAB and how to better embed learning. Themes include appropriate risk identification and information sharing, the impact of self-neglect and engagement and the appropriate use of the Mental Capacity Act to support decision making
- 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 2022-23 SSAB has five key priorities, agreed in consultation with partners these are:

1. Listen to the voices of service users and front-line staff
2. Develop more inclusive performance data
3. Work with all partners to look at Sandwell’s “Front Door” including pathway, referrals and thresholds
4. Specific projects to be discussed with the Five + Statutory Boards which all focus on prevention
5. Board Governance

Priority 3

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 embedding work with people who use services and looking at effective engagement.
Priority 4	We will 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.

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The annual report is being presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration.
- 4.2 The production of the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report was a statutory requirement.

5 Engagement

- 5.1 SSAB is a multi-agency forum and the Annual Report has been co-produced with the engagement of key partners.

6 Implications

Resources:	No financial implications.
Legal and Governance:	The report tabled is a statutory function of the Safeguarding Adults Board.
Risk:	Understanding the Safeguarding picture helps better manage the risk to individuals, families and members of the public as well as organisational reputation.
Equality:	The SSAB Annual Report is the responsibility of the SSAB and is a summary and assessment of the work of all partners in meeting the safeguarding agenda. This Board undertakes Equality Impact Assessments as required.
Health and Wellbeing:	Accepting the report and the priorities identified for SSAB will further safeguard communities and promote system wide health and wellbeing for the people of Sandwell.
Social Value:	Supporting the activity of SSAB supports safer lives safer communities, building on strengths and enabling communities and all its members regardless of the

	complexity of their needs to make positive contributions and lead more fulfilled lives.
Climate Change:	No implications identified.
Corporate Parenting:	No implications identified within the report, however, SSAB acknowledges that responsibility.

6 Appendices

Appendix One - Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-2023

Appendix Two - Visual Report

Appendix Three – Presentation

7. Background Papers

None.