

## Annual Report 2022 – 2023

# How the Board has overseen and led on safeguarding in Sandwell, preparing for the challenge.



#### Sandwell **Safeguarding** Adults Board

# Headlines & Key Achievements

Task and finish groups looked at:

Domestic Abuse

Learning Disability and Autism

Embedding learning from statutory reviews

➢New virtual & e-learning programmes

Reviewed sub groups and their membership

Accessible SAR learning e.g. Elizabeth's Story <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vm7jGaWrwks</u>

Introduced new members to the board

Developed a range of accessible resources

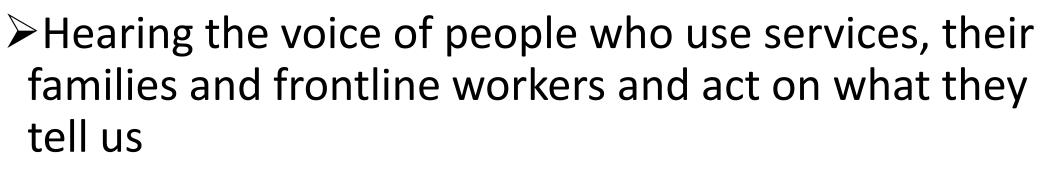
Worked in partnership with the Ann Craft Trust, looking at relationships and 'tricky friends' <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hBSt8YRfQE</u>

Made changes to practice, building on the vulnerable adults risk management process





# **Key Priorities**



➢Continue to build on learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs), ensuring real change and personalised, meaningful outcomes

Develop more inclusive performance data

➢Governance



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### Multi Agency work to develop performance monitoring

Continued to develop a data dashboard that contains meaningful information from partners to provide assurance for board awareness that people are safe.

➢Undertook a joint Care Act compliance and Section 11 audit programme and supported the development of an electronic platform enabling effective sharing of performance information across the West Midlands region.

➢ Contributed and led on work with uniform services across the West Midlands to enhance the understanding of safeguarding. This included a West Midlands Fire Service led audit of fire related deaths and injuries across the Black Country.



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# Continued to raise awareness of key place based safeguarding concerns

>Worked in partnership with modern slavery colleagues

- Continued to promote 'See something, do something' as a campaign, supporting everybody's understanding of safeguarding
- Regular, accessible safeguarding messages and awareness raising of issues, using social media/newsletters/screensavers and a range of publicity materials
- ➢ Participation in regional and national forums
- Developed a WMAS toolkit



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## **Enhanced Learning & Improvement**

- ➢SAB delivered events on preparing for adulthood, working in partnership with the national working group
- National Development Team for Inclusion and Ann Craft Trust
- Supported SAR learning events
- ➢Led on a multi agency task and finish group, looking at embedding learning
- Delivered on a learning event with a focus on relationships and what 'good' looks like, in partnership with the Ann Craft Trust, 5+ Boards and Changing Our Lives



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### Sub Groups

#### **Prevention, Protection and Learning & Development**

- Participated in National Safeguarding Week on a virtual basis and continued to promote 'See Something, Do Something'
- SSAB developed a range of resources and questionnaires supporting the work of task and finish groups and actively participated in Sandwell Safer 6 campaign, where we worked in partnership with West Midlands Fire Service to raise awareness of fire related risks
- SSAB worked with the Ann Craft Trust to deliver two face to face learning opportunities looking at the impact of domestic abuse on women with needs for care and support and exploring what a good relationship looks like
- Developed virtual training on chairing multi agency meetings which is now mandatory for Adult Social Care managers



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## Sub Groups

#### SAR Standing Panel

- ≻2 new referrals
- ➤1 SAR considered during the reporting period
- 1 SAR commissioned as a thematic review. None where criteria not met

#### **Quality and Excellence**

- Supported the development of a quality assurance framework identifying priority areas for audit
- Key lines of enquiry identified and a new chair and deputy chair appointed
- Care Act compliance self audit tool developed in September 2022. The compliance audit tool continues to be reviewed and a peer review will be planned for late 2023



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## Looking Forward 2023-2024

- Safeguarding Adult Reviews and taking forward the learning remains a priority
- A learning event with reference to Adults with Learning Disabilities and their families is planned for November 2023 at which we have Elaine Clarke (sister of the late Clive Treacey)
- SSAB and the other statutory boards in Sandwell supported an Exploitation Summit held on 18.10.23 (National Modern Slavery Day)
- Continue to develop specific issue campaigns maintaining a campaign focus under the broad banner of 'see something, do something'
- Continue to work and build on effective relationships with all statutory boards in the borough, identifying key areas we can work together on minimising the risk of duplication and maximising impact
- SSAB is planning a development session in November 2023 to consider how the Board works as a system and future priorities from 2024. This will be reported on in next year's annual report
- Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board remains committed to developing a place based approach with all other statutory boards in Sandwell with a view to maximising impact and minimising duplication. Working together priorities agreed as:
  - Preparing for adulthood
  - $\,\circ\,$  Develop an all age exploitation strategy
  - $\,\circ\,$  Focus on governance and effective challenge between boards



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