

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

6 September 2022

Report Title	Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2020 – 2021
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Appendix A – Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2020 – 2021

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adult Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2020-21. The report outlines Board and statutory partner achievements during the year.
- 1.2 The Annual Report was received and considered by the Executive at their meeting on 25 August 2022.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. It is a statutory requirement under the Care Act 2014 for Safeguarding Adult Boards to produce an annual report each year. The NSAB Annual Report 2020-21 provides an overview of the Board's achievements against the NSAB Strategic Plan for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. 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 Scrutiny Commission:-
 - a) receives the Annual Report of the Northamptonshire Local Safeguarding Adults Board 2020-2021 (Appendix A) and considers any feedback it may wish to provide.

- 3.2 Reason for Recommendations – Under the Care Act 2014 section 43, the Local Authority has a duty to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board, which in turn has a core duty to publish an annual report. The report provides assurance to the Council that adults are safeguarded across the North Northamptonshire area.
- 3.3 Alternative Options Considered – There are no alternative options to consider, consideration of the report is a statutory requirement.

4. Report Background

- 4.1 The report has been developed via contributions from statutory partners and has been reviewed and approved by NSAB's Strategic Board.
- 4.2 The Care Act 2014 places Safeguarding Adult Boards on a statutory footing with a requirement to produce and publicise an annual report.
- 4.3 This is the first annual report received by North Northamptonshire Council and will inform future developments within the provision of services to safeguard adults in the North Northamptonshire area.
- 4.4 The format of the report is in keeping with the NSAB Strategic Plan, and includes quantitative and qualitative evidence, key messages, and impact of activities that relate to:
- (a) community awareness of adult abuse and neglect and how to respond;
 - (b) analysis of safeguarding data, to better understand the reasons that lie behind local data returns and use the information to improve the strategic plan and operational arrangements;
 - (c) what adults who have experienced the process say and the extent to which their wishes (outcomes) have been realised;
 - (d) what front line practitioners say about outcomes for adults and about their ability to work in a personalised way with those adults;
 - (e) better reporting of abuse and neglect;
 - (f) evidence of success of strategies to prevent abuse or neglect;
 - (g) feedback from local Healthwatch, adults who use care and support services, and carers, community groups, advocates, service providers and other partners;
 - (h) how successful adult safeguarding is at linking with other parts of the system, for example children's safeguarding, domestic violence services, community safety;
 - (i) the impact of training carried out and analysis of future need;
 - (j) and, how well agencies are co-operating and collaborating.

5 Next Steps

- 5.1 The statutory annual report will be published by Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adult Board on the [NSAB website](#).

6 Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

6.1.1 There are no financial implications arising from the presentation of the report at this time, but a business case for essential additional resources for the financial periods 2022-23 and 2023-24 has been discussed and is awaiting approval.

6.2 Legal and Governance

6.2.1 It is a legal requirement under The Care Act 2014 for Safeguarding Adults Boards to publish an Annual Report, following full Council's approval.

6.3 Relevant Policies and Plans

6.3.1 [See NSAB Policies and Procedures.](#)

6.4 Risk

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk
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.	The report is designed to highlight achievements for the year and future priorities. Monitoring of progress enables early action to be taken where there are areas of significant risk or failure to deliver.	Green

Risk(s) associated with not undertaking the proposal

Risk	Risk Rating
In accordance with the Care Act 2014, NSAB has a core duty to publish an annual report.	Green

6.5 Consultation

6.5.1 There has been no public consultation in respect of the NSAB Annual Report 2020-21, but an approval process has taken place, as detailed below:

- Statutory Partners have provided their input in respect of their achievements for period along with their areas for improvement for 2021-22.
- The draft Annual Report 2020-21 was circulated to NSAB Strategic Board members on Thursday 7th October 2021 ahead of NSAB Strategic Board on 13th October 2021 where the report was tabled for approval by members.
- The Strategic Board scheduled for 13th October 2021 was cancelled and the Annual Report was then circulated to members for virtual ratification on 14th October. Approval was received virtually by all Statutory Partners by 30th November 2021.

6.6 **Consideration by Executive Advisory Panel**

6.6.1 N/A

6.7 **Equality Implications**

6.7.1 An Equality Screening Assessment was completed to evidence the impact the NSAB Annual Report 2020 – 21 may have on equality groups within the community. Results concluded that the Annual Report has no impact on the protected groups.

6.7.2 The Annual Report will be made accessible and will be published on the NSAB website for individuals to access. As the document is accessible this means that individuals can use Dragan NaturallySpeaking technology (or similar) in order to read the document.

6.7.3 The Annual Report can be requested in alternative formats or alternative languages by contacting the NSAB Business Office.

6.8 **Climate Impact**

6.8.1 There is no climate/environmental impact arising from the NSAB Annual Report 2020-21 as it is shared on the NSAB website, and not printed.

6.9 **Community Impact**

6.9.1 There is no distinct community impact arising from the Annual Report.

6.10 **Crime and Disorder Impact**

6.10.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from the NSAB Annual Report 2020-21.

7 Background Papers

The Care Act 2014 - [Care Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/22/contents)

[Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2019 – 2021](#)

NSAB Annual Report Equality Screening Assessment