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Report Title	Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2021-2022
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Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there public sector equality duty implications?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information (whether in appendices or not)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Applicable paragraph number/s for exemption from publication under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972	

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Appendix A – Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021-2022

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To present to Full Council the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adult Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2021-2022. The report outlines Board and statutory partner achievements during the year.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. Under section 43 of the Care Act 2014, every local authority must establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) for its area. The objective of a SAB is to help and protect adults in its area and assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area.

Under section 14.136 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance, a SAB has 3 core duties:

- It must publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this.
- It must publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan.
- It must conduct any safeguarding adults review in accordance with Section 44 of the Act.

2.2. The NSAB Annual Report 2021-2022 provides an overview of the Board's progress and achievements against the NSAB Strategic Plan for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. The 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 Full Council:

- a) Note the NSAB Annual Report 2021-2022 as approved by the NSAB Strategic Board on 6th October 2022 at Appendix A
- b) Acknowledge the contribution that North Northamptonshire Council has made in supporting NSAB's achievements in keeping adults safe from harm.

3.2. Reason for Recommendations: The report provides assurance to the Executive of the activities undertaken to help safeguard adults across North Northamptonshire.

3.3. Alternative Options Considered - That the report is not presented for consideration by the Executive as the DASS approved the report as the Chair of NSAB.

4. Report Background

4.1 The report has been developed including contributions from the four statutory partners and was reviewed and approved by NSAB's Strategic Board on 6th October 2022.

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 second annual report received by North Northamptonshire Council (NNC).

4.4 The report highlights the progress and achievements made during the period, and also advises the future developments for NNC for the year ahead to safeguard adults in the North Northamptonshire area.

- 4.4 The format of the report aligns with the NSAB Strategic Plan, and includes quantitative and qualitative evidence, key messages, and impact of activities that relate to:
- (a) Raising community awareness of how to report safeguarding concerns via the #Report It campaign
 - (b) Providing multi-agency training opportunities and learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews for frontline workers via the week of learning
 - (c) Developing a new dashboard to provide analysis of safeguarding data to understand the reasons for safeguarding concerns, and to use the information to inform the strategic plan and operational arrangements including adults' desired outcomes (Making Safeguarding Personal)
 - (d) Under section 44 of the Care Act 2014, undertake Safeguarding Adult Reviews when an adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult.
 - (e) Working in partnership with local authorities and local Healthwatch to understand adults' experience of the s42 safeguarding process (in progress)
 - (f) Providing scrutiny and challenge regarding the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements across the partnership
 - (g) Developing closer working arrangements with the Voluntary & Community Sector Assembly, Safeguarding Children's Partnership and Community Safety Partnerships
 - (h) Review how well agencies are working together to effectively safeguard adults at risk of harm and abuse via self-case audit activities

5. Issues and Choices

- 5.1 The report has been developed via contributions from statutory partners and has been reviewed and approved by NSAB's Strategic Board.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1 Once received by both local authorities in Northamptonshire, the statutory annual report will be published by Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adult Board on the [NSAB website](#).

7. Implications (including financial implications)

7.1. Resources, Financial and Transformation

There are no financial implications arising from the presentation of the report at this time. The NSAB Strategic Board has already approved the budget for 2023-2024.

7.2. **Legal and Governance**

It is a legal requirement under The Care Act 2014 for Safeguarding Adults Boards to publish an Annual Report,

7.3. **Relevant Policies and Plans**

[See Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2021 – 2033.](#)

7.4. **Risk**

7.4.1 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. In order to mitigate risk, the report is designed to highlight achievements for the year and future priorities for the statutory partners. Monitoring of progress enables early action to be taken where there are areas of significant risk or failure to deliver.

7.5. **Consultation**

7.5.1 There has been no public consultation in respect of the NSAB Annual Report 2021-2022, but an approval process has taken place, as detailed below:

- Statutory Partners provided their input in respect of their achievements for period along with their areas for improvement for 2022-2023.
- The draft Annual Report 2021-2022 was approved by NSAB Strategic Board members on Thursday 6th October 2022. Members include senior officers from the two local authorities, lead members for adult care and wellbeing, the Integrated Care Board, and Northamptonshire Police.

7.6. **Consideration by Executive Advisory Panel**

7.6.1. N/A

7.7. **Consideration by Scrutiny**

7.7.1. N/A

7.8. **Equality Implications**

7.8.1 An Equality Screening Assessment was completed to evidence the impact the NSAB Annual Report 2021-2022 may have on equality groups within the community. Results concluded that the Annual Report has no impact on the protected groups.

7.8.2 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.

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

7.9. Climate and Environment Impact

7.9.1 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.

7.10. Community Impact

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

7.11. Crime and Disorder Impact

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

8. Background Papers

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

8.2 [Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2021-2023](#)

8.3 NSAB Annual Report Equality Screening Assessment