



## EXECUTIVE

### 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2022-2023</b>
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<b>Key Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Are there public sector equality duty implications?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Does the report contain confidential or exempt information (whether in appendices or not)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Applicable paragraph number/s for exemption from publication under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972</b>	

### List of Appendices

#### **Appendix A – Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022 - 2023**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1 To present to the Executive the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2022-2023. The report outlines the Board and statutory partner achievements against the strategic plan during the year.

#### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 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 objectives and what 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 objectives and implement its strategic plan.
- It must conduct any safeguarding adults reviews in accordance with Section 44 of the Act.

2.2. The NSAB Annual Report 2022-2023 provides an overview of the Board's progress and achievements against the NSAB Strategic Plan for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. 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**

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3.1. It is recommended that the Executive:

- i) Note the NSAB Annual Report 2022-2023 as approved by the NSAB Strategic Board on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at **Appendix A**.
- ii) 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 – As the Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) and Children's Services (Interim DCS) has already approved the report, that the report not be presented for consideration by the Executive. This is not recommended for the reasons set out at paragraph 3.2.

### **4. Report Background**

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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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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 third annual report received by North Northamptonshire Council.
- 4.4. The report highlights the progress and achievements made during the period, and also advises the future developments for the Council for the year ahead to safeguard adults in the North Northamptonshire area.
- 4.5. 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 a safeguarding concern via the #ReportIt Campaign and translation of materials.
  - (b) Activity and engagement on the NSAB website and social media account.
  - (c) Providing multi-agency training opportunities for frontline workers via the weeks of learning.
  - (d) Continued development of the NSAB 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).
  - (e) 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.
  - (f) Working in partnership with local authorities and local Healthwatch to understand adults' experience of the s42 safeguarding process (in progress).
  - (g) Review how well agencies are working together to effectively safeguard adults at risk of harm and abuse via audit activities including self-assessment, multi-agency and single agency audits.
  - (h) Providing scrutiny and challenge regarding the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements across the partnership.

## **5. Issues and Choices**

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- 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**

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- 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)**

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### **7.1. Resources, Financial and Transformation**

7.1.1. There are no financial implications arising from the presentation of the report at this time.

### **7.2. Legal and Governance**

7.2.1. 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**

7.3.1. See Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2021 – 2023.

### **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 the 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 2022-2023, 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 2023-2024.
- The draft Annual Report 2022-2023 was approved by NSAB Strategic Board members on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Members include senior officers from the two local authorities, the Integrated Care Board, and Northamptonshire Police.

### **7.6. Consideration by Executive Advisory Panel**

7.6.1. The report has not been considered by an Executive Advisory Panel.

### **7.7. Consideration by Scrutiny**

7.7.1. The report has not been considered by the Council's Scrutiny function.

## **7.8. Equality Implications**

- 7.8.1. An Equality Screening Assessment was completed to evidence the impact the NSAB Annual Report 2022-2023 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 2022-23 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 2022-2023.

## **8. Background Papers**

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- 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