

# **Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2021-22**

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bullying pinching  
withholding food & drink coercion intimidation  
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misusing medication  
scalding teasing sexual abuse  
leaving on own blaming  
stealing money or benefits neglect  
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The Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board works in partnership to empower and protect some of the most vulnerable adults who live in Solihull.

Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board was established in June 2008 and from April 2015 is a statutory body. The Board provides the strategic leadership for all safeguarding work across the Borough. In Solihull, we aim to prevent and reduce the risk of significant harm to adults from abuse or other types of exploitation, whilst supporting individuals in maintaining control over their lives and in making informed choices without coercion.

## We do our work by:

- Having a jointly funded Independent Chair providing consistency and direction.
- A large multi-agency strategic partnership Board who meet quarterly.
- A Policies and Procedures Sub Committee who develop of policy, procedures, protocols and guidance for the partnership.
- An Engagement and Prevention Sub Committee who raise awareness and develop our Engagement approach.
- A Performance and Audit Sub Committee who develop and implement the Boards Quality Assurance Framework.
- A Learning and Improvement Sub Committee who lead the learning and development across the partnership – especially from Safeguarding Adult Reviews.
- Arranging for Safeguarding Adult Reviews when things go seriously wrong.
- Organising Task and Finish Groups.
- Engaging with a wide range of people who use services and work in health and social care in Solihull.

## Our work is directed by the following equal principles:

**Empowerment** – Presumption of person led decisions and informed consent.

**Prevention** – It is better to take action before harm occurs.

**Proportionality** – Proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

**Protection** – Support and representation for those in greatest need.

**Partnership** – Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

**Accountability** – Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.

We will do this by identifying key priorities each year to focus on.

We will know we have made a difference because we will – ask people, monitor performance and audit practices.





## Exploitation

With the strategy, delivery plan, staff competency framework, Exploitation Panel and All Age Exploitation Reduction Procedures all in place, the focus now is on making a difference and tracking the evidence of this.

### We will

- Support and monitor the work of the Exploitation Reduction Board and Delivery Group.
- Monitor the implementation of the All Age Exploitation Strategy with the LSCP and CSP for Solihull through the Delivery Pan and the Self-Assessment Tool.
- Monitor the implementation of the All Age Exploitation Reduction Multi-Agency pathways, polices, procedures and tools for professionals and practitioners.
- Ensure a robust Data Set is developed to demonstrate progress and activity.
- Raise awareness of Exploitation through the delivery of the Communications Plan.
- Support the development of a Directory of Services.
- Audit some cases to see what difference has been made.

### The impact will be

- Professionals and practitioners will say they feel more skilled to support individuals transitioning from childhood to adulthood and experiencing exploitation.
- Individuals transitioning from childhood to adulthood will receive the support they need from the appropriate agency at the most appropriate time.
- Robust processes will be in place to support individuals, professionals and practitioners.
- Data will evidence positive change.



## **Strengthen and clarify the relationships and governance between the three boards, and Health and Wellbeing Board**

Effective links with the Local Safeguarding Childrens Partnership, Solihull Community Safety Partnership, Solihull Health and Wellbeing Board and Solihull Domestic Abuse Board are important to maximise impact and minimise duplication. There are strong synergies between the work of these Board/Partnerships, particularly when looking at a broader family agenda and exploitation, as well as opportunities for efficiencies in taking forward work.

### **We will**

- Organise an Annual event for all the Board/Partnerships to receive assurance and agree priorities individually and collectively.
- Research the possibility of more joined up work such as meetings.
- Task the Business Manager to maintain regular contact with all the other business managers to improve communication.
- Review the SAB's Memorandum of Understanding to ensure it reflects strengthened relationships with the LSCP, CSP, DAB and H&WBB.
- Ensure the communication of joint priorities is timely and consistent.

### **The impact will be**

- Partners will say the work of all the Boards/Partnerships complement each other and duplication of work is reduced.
- Joint events will be productive and dynamic.
- Everyone will be clear on which Board/Partnership is taking the lead on specific areas of concern.
- Communication to and from the different Boards/Partnerships will be effective and timely.



## Safeguarding Adult Reviews

We will take a focus on Safeguarding Adult Reviews by reviewing local learning, the findings from the National Review of SARs and the advice within the document “A Rough Guide for Safeguarding Adult Chairs” produced by the National Network for Chairs of Safeguarding Adult Boards to ensure continuous learning and improvement for the SAB and partner organisations.

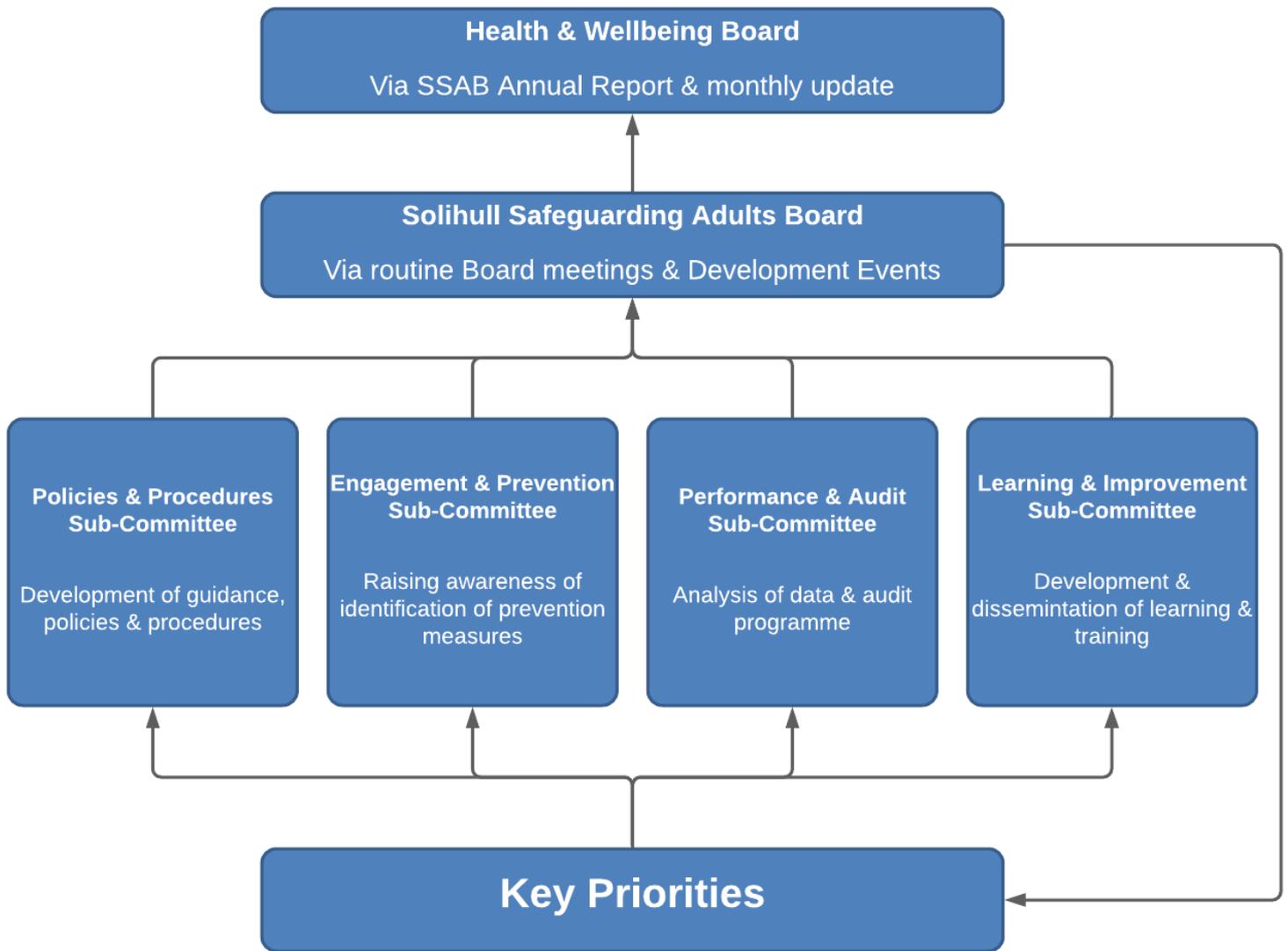
### We will

- Set up a Task and Finish Group to specifically look at this key priority.
- Examine the findings from the National Review of SARs using a local Solihull lens.
- Consider the advice within the document “A Rough Guide for Safeguarding Adult Chairs” produced by the National Network for Chairs of Safeguarding Adult Boards
- Review the themes for local Safeguarding Adults Reviews, Local Child Practice Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- Review our local procedures for Safeguarding Adult Reviews to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- Identify any further work that is required to ensure SARs as required by section 44 of the Care Act 2014 are identified and referred for consideration.

### The impact will be

- Solihull’s local process will be robust and effective.
- A culture of continuous learning and improvement across all organisations that work together to safeguard and promote the wellbeing and empowerment of adults, identifying opportunities to draw on what works and promote good practice is evident.
- The approach taken to reviews is proportionate according to the scale and level of complexity of the issues being examined.
- Situations as detailed in section 44 of the Care Act 2014 are identified and referred for consideration.

## SSAB Assurance & Governance of Key Priorities



## Definitions

CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DAB	Domestic Abuse Board
H&WBB	Health and Well Being Board
LSCP	Local Safeguarding Childrens Partnership
SAR	Safeguarding Adult Reviews

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