

North Tyneside and Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board

Strategic Annual Plan 2021 - 2024

Our vision is “to promote the individual’s human rights, their capacity for independence, ensuring each person is treated with dignity and respect and able to enjoy a sustained quality of life and improved wellbeing. That at all times people are afforded protection from abuse, neglect, discrimination or poor treatment and that their carers whether paid or unpaid, are safe.”

Who we are:

The North Tyneside and Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is a statutory and multi-agency partnership that leads the strategic development of safeguarding adults work across both areas.

As specified in the Care Act, the SAB includes three core members: the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group, and the Police. However our membership is also made up of nominated lead representatives from a wide range of partner agencies, who actively contribute to the work of the Board.



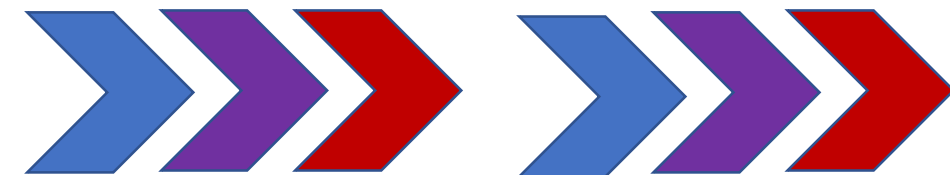
What we do:

The purpose of the SAB is to help safeguard people who have care and support needs. Its main objective is to improve local safeguarding arrangements to ensure partners act to help and protect adults experiencing, or at risk of neglect and abuse.

The Care Act (2014) sets out the core purpose of the Board as ensuring that local safeguarding arrangements are effective and taking account of the views of the local community. The Board also seeks assurance that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome focused.

The SAB has **three core duties**, in accordance with the Care Act (2014):

1. Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute.
2. Publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been.
3. Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria.



Our Strategic plan sets out:

- Our **vision** to safeguarding people North Tyneside and Northumberland.
- How the SAB seeks to prevent abuse and neglect and how it will safeguard people with care and support needs who are or may be at risk.
- Our **core objectives** and **strategic priorities** for 2021-23 to achieve our vision.

We adhere to the Care Act principles which underpin all adult safeguarding work:
Empowerment; Prevention; Proportionality; Protection; Partnership and Accountability.

How we will do this:

- We will work with our partners on three core objectives of equal importance, and five priority areas.
- We will measure our progress and achievements through a Delivery plan which includes key goals and timescales and will be updated and reported to the SAB quarterly.

Our Objectives

Prevention and Early Intervention



- We will enable and support local communities to play their role in keeping people safe by improving communication to raise awareness of key safeguarding messages.
- We will work with user and community led groups so that their voices are heard, and they contribute to the work of the Board.
- We will work with the Children’s Board and other partnerships to recognise young people who remain at risk of abuse by creating clear pathways as they transition into Adult Services.
- We will identify any changes in safeguarding activity from local, regional and national data, and develop appropriate responses.
- We will develop the understanding of particular topics and vulnerabilities in adult safeguarding and respond to emerging themes, particularly associated with the impact of Covid 19.
- We will continue to effectively support victims of criminal exploitation on a multi-agency basis and provide strategic oversight via our Exploitation sub-group.

Quality Assurance



- We will work together as a Board to provide local leadership on safeguarding adults to ensure people are safe.
- We will develop methods to scrutinise and improve safeguarding systems and processes across the SAB partnership.
- Partnership data will be analysed and shared to inform prevention and early intervention.
- We will seek assurance regarding the quality monitoring processes and safeguarding measures in place for commissioned services.
- We will seek evidence and assurance to demonstrate safeguarding services are delivered effectively.
- We will support and receive assurance from partners that they are embedding Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) within their organisations.

Lessons learnt and shaping future practice



- The Safeguarding Adults Review subgroup will lead SARs work ensuring that lessons are learnt when an adult at risk dies or has experienced significant abuse or neglect.
- We will ensure learning from national and local multi-agency reviews and reports are shared and implemented locally.
- We will implement a training strategy and action plan to develop the current training programme and review and implement future training requirements.
- We will support organisations to improve the quality and impact of their safeguarding practice and produce appropriate advice and guidance.
- We will continuously learn and develop to ensure the Board’s key priorities and objectives are delivered by the partnership.

Our Strategic Priorities

Priority 1

Covid 19 - Understanding and learning from the impact of the pandemic on safeguarding adults



Use data and feedback to understand the impact on demand and pressures in provider services

Priority 2

Transitional Safeguarding arrangements - Ensure robust and consistent responses are in place to manage safeguarding for vulnerable young people



Publish a transitional pathway, with strong partnership arrangements

Priority 3

Domestic Abuse - Aligning the partnership arrangements between the SAB and the new Domestic Abuse Partnership Board



Understand demand and types of issues arising; feed to DA Board; mapping against the DA needs assessment and strategy

Priority 4

Criminal Exploitation - Working in partnership to identify and response effectively to prevent and reduce the impact of exploitation



Understand the local picture and issues by partnership information sharing. Identify people at risk of exploitation and ensure that safety plans are in place

Priority 5

Making Safeguarding Personal - Hearing the voice of, and engaging the adult and the public in the work of the SAB



Benchmark against the MSP toolkit. Ensuring we understand the outcomes that people want