



Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board 2024 - 2027

The SSAB has three core duties:

Develop and publish a **strategic plan** setting out how objectives will be met and how member and partner agencies will contribute.

Publish an **annual report** detailing how effective the work has been.

Commission **safeguarding adults reviews (SARs)** for any cases which meet the criteria for these.

The overarching purpose of the Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board is to help safeguard adults with care and support needs. It does this by:

- assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance.
- assuring itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused.
- working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible.
- ensuring agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred.
- assuring itself that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.

What we need to focus on: Analysis of meaningful data to fully understand the significant challenges of deprivation specific to Southampton, Making Safeguarding Personal and community engagement, Aligning Board activities across Adults, Children and CSP

SSAB Structure:

- 4 Executive board meetings a year
- Wider Partnership learning events and networking forums
- Case Review Group
- Learning and Development Group
- Quality Assurance group
- 4 LSAB Fire and Rescue, Housing, health and procedures subgroups

Strategic Ambition 1 Prevention and Engagement

Partners will work together to develop procedures and services, ensuring that the views and experiences of those who use services help to inform how services are developed

Strategic Ambition 2 Quality and Learning

The quality and impact of safeguarding arrangements are evaluated and learning is shared and embedded across the Partnership embedded

Strategic Ambition 3 Working in Partnership

The Partnership will ensure that the structures work to enable effective collaboration and trust

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Stage One
We will:

Ensure the **voices of Adults** at risk of abuse and neglect are heard through individual and thematic reviews

Raise the expectation of **people being asked** about the outcomes they want to achieve at the start of the safeguarding process and whether these are met

Review the data to understand the experiences of adults at risk of abuse and neglect in Southampton

Analyse the quality of referrals and responses into Adult Social Care

Celebrate what we do well across the Partnership and learn from **collaborative practice**

Align the work across the Adult and Children Partnerships, including CSP, recognising that the **best outcomes for the residents** of the city will come from collaborative working

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Stage Two
We will:

Explore the **impact of campaigns** to raise awareness around the application of MCA

Embed the use of **advocacy and feedback** across the Partnership

Ensure that **community engagement** is actively sought and prioritised through awareness raising campaigns across the Partnership

Undertake deep dive audits to inform **what is working well** across the Partnership and to identify gaps in services that would support more effective safeguarding of adults at risk of abuse or neglect to gain real life pictures

Plan and implement a programme of audit activity informed by what the data and learning from reviews are telling the Partnership, including transitions between children and adult services, people who are unhoused, services for those with alcohol and drug use, MCA, unpaid carers and helpers and mental health and well-being

Embed a **learning culture** from local and national reviews, case studies, feedback and organise a partnership wide learning event in the Autumn to promote relational networking and development of practice

Review the Training programme delivered across the Partnership to ensure this aligns with the **strategic ambitions**

Promote the use of exemplars of good practice to support the delivery of **excellent frontline practice** across the Partnership

Further align the work of Partnerships to include closer links with all Boards across the multi-agency Partnership to prevent duplication and to **optimise efficiency**

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Stage Three
We will:

Promote the cultural changes needed across the safeguarding Partnership to embed the principles of practice and **Making Safeguarding Personal**

Empower the groups who work with us to enable genuine **co-production**

The Partnerships will be driven by **people's feedback**, including those with experience of abuse and neglect, the voluntary sector and statutory services

Promote and enable **accountability** to individuals and communities who are at risk of / experiencing neglect

Embed a **culture of learning** from audit and review activity with assurance from the Partnership and the community that changes are made to frontline practice

Be confident that an effective **training programme is embedded** across the Partnership

The Partnership will evidence that the wider community in Southampton is able to demonstrate that they are **confident** in knowing 'What is Safeguarding'

Ensure **greater collaboration** across the Partnerships to audit, respond to and support mental health and well-being in the City

The Partnerships will be **purposeful, meaningful and efficient**