

# Report to West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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## West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board (WSSAB) 3 Year Strategy 2022-2025

**Report by Annie Callanan, Independent Chair, West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board, and Julie Phillips, Adults Social Care Assistant Director, Safeguarding, Planning and Performance, for West Sussex County Council**

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### Summary

It is a statutory duty for the WSSAB to have a 3-year Strategy. The WSSAB Strategy for 2022-25 follows the previous Strategy for 2019-22. It sets out WSSAB's vision, three objectives for the three-year period, and the measures WSSAB will take to meet the three objectives and the WSSAB's priorities for 2022-23 in the form of WSSAB's annual Business Plan.

### Recommendation(s) to the Board

#### The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to;

- (1) Actively support the WSSAB's Strategic Plan, to improve prevention services and the experience of adults in West Sussex County Council who are at risk of abuse and/or neglect.
  - (2) Provide feedback on how the Health and Wellbeing Board, as representative of the partner agencies, and within the Collaborative Working Agreement, will contribute to the WSSAB's priorities for 2022-23.
  - (3) Share learning and improvement which interfaces with Adult Safeguarding.
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### Relevance to [Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#)

The Four Boards Collaborative Working Agreement includes the interface between WSSAB and the Health and Wellbeing Board. The activity of WSSAB is relevant specifically in terms of enabling Adults who have care and support needs in West Sussex to be safe from abuse and/or neglect.

#### 1. Background and context

- 1.1. The WSSAB was established in 2011 and comprises a core membership of statutory partners from West Sussex County Council (WSCC), the NHS West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Sussex Police. The wider Board members include a lay person, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, South East Coast Ambulance Service, and members from the voluntary and private sector. A full list of members can be found [on our website](#).

- 1.2. The purpose of the WSSAB is to 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.
- 1.3. All Safeguarding Adults Boards have three core duties that it must do to fulfill statutory requirements: have a Strategic Plan, produce an Annual Report, and carry out Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs).
- 1.4. The 2022-25 3-year Strategy provides information about the WSSAB and it's:
  - Vision
  - Objectives
  - Annual Business Plan based on WSSAB priorities for 2022-23

## **2. Proposal details**

- 2.1. It is proposed that the Independent Chair of the WSSAB, along with West Sussex County Council's Adults Social Care Assistant Director Safeguarding, Planning and Performance, provide the WSSAB Strategy to the Health and Wellbeing Board in respect of the WSSAB's objectives 2022-25.

## **3. Consultation, engagement, and advice**

- 3.1. The WSSAB's partnership has been engaged and consulted in the production of the 2022-25 Strategy.

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**Appendices Presentation Papers:** Appendix – 3 Year Strategy 2022-25