
Report to West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-2023

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and

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Summary

The West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board (WSSAB) Annual Report for 2022-23 sets out the work achieved to deliver three statutory duties.

It includes reporting on the Board Subgroups activities & achievements to meet priorities set for 2022-23, Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs), Safeguarding and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards data and, priorities for 2022-23.

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 2023-24.
 - (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 HWB.

The activity of WSSAB is relevant specifically, in terms of enabling Adults, who have care and support needs in West Sussex County Council, 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, now two lay persons, Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust, Sussex Community Foundation Trust, South East Coast Ambulance and, members from the voluntary and private sector. A full list of members can be found [here](#).

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.

- 1.2 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.

- 1.3 The 2022-23 WSSAB Annual Report provides information about the Board and:
- a Safeguarding Case Study
 - 2022-2023 WSSAB priorities and the activity and achievements of the Board's Subgroups to meet these.
 - Additional WSSAB achievements and what the WSSAB did to improve safeguarding in 2022-23
 - Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) including referrals, learning themes from our three published Reviews and, sharing of learning and assurance.
 - Safeguarding and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards data
 - Priorities for 2023-24
 - Compliments and complaints
 - How to report a safeguarding concern
 - How to contact the WSSAB

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 annual update to the Health and Wellbeing Board in respect of the WSSAB's activity for 2022-23.

3 Consultation, engagement and advice

- 3.1 The WSSAB's partnership has been engaged and consulted in the production of the 2022-23 Annual Report.

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Appendices Presentation Papers

Appendix A – WSSAB Annual Report 2022-2023

Background papers: None