

West Sussex  
**Safeguarding Adults  
Board**

Making Safeguarding Personal



# **West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board (WSSAB)**

# Who We Are

**Established in 2011 & led by the Independent Chair, Annie Callanan.**

Core membership of statutory partners:

- West Sussex County Council
  - West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group
  - Sussex Police.
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- WSCC Public Health
  - West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership
  - Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
  - West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service
  - Care Quality Commission
  - NHS England
  - WSCC Community Safety and Wellbeing
  - South East Coast Ambulance Service
  - Probation Services
  - Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
  - Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals
  - WSCC Lifelong Services
  - Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust
  - Healthwatch West Sussex
  - District and Borough Councils
  - Ford Prison
  - Surrey & Sussex NHS Healthcare Trust
  - Queen Victoria Hospital
  - West Sussex Partners in Care
  - Lay persons
  - Community and voluntary sector

## **SAB Support Team**

### **Ru Gunawardana**

Safeguarding Adults Board Team Manager

### **Emma Aplin**

Senior Data and Support Officer

### **Laura Bray**

Communications and Support Officer

# About us

## Our vision

For people in West Sussex to live in safety, free from abuse by working with our partners and local communities to:

- prevent abuse and neglect from happening;
- identify, report and remove the risk of abuse and neglect;
- place the person and their voice at the centre of any investigations;
- improve community awareness;
- share information and intelligence;
- learn from safeguarding cases to improve practice; and
- reassure our communities.

## Our purpose

The Board has the strategic lead for safeguarding adults with care and support needs who may be experiencing, or are at risk of, abuse or neglect.

The Board does this by:

- making sure that arrangements are in place and that the safeguarding work of all partner agencies is effective;
- improving the way partner agencies work together to respond to abuse or neglect;
- aiming to prevent abuse and neglect;
- making sure that people are always placed at the centre of any investigation;
- ensuring continuous improvement, development and learning to improve shared practice; and
- having a three year strategic plan, with annual business plans, to ensure we deliver on our objectives.

# Our aims

## Board aims

To set the overall vision of the Board and the outcomes it wants to achieve for the residents of West Sussex



## Strategic aims

To establish strategic aims and three year objectives required to achieve the Board's vision



## Annual business plan

To provide a detailed plan of specific key actions and target timescales required to achieve the Board's strategic plan



## Annual report

Reflects on the previous year's activity and reports progress towards the strategic and annual business plans

# Our subgroups

## Safeguarding Adults Board

The Safeguarding Adults Board meets quarterly and is a key decision-making forum, made up of both statutory and non-statutory partners.

## Chairs subgroup

Meets prior to each Board meeting and is a decision-making forum consisting of statutory partners and the chairs of the Board's subgroups. Where required, the chairs will escalate decisions to the Board.

## Subgroups

### Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR)

Meets monthly to consider SAR referrals and the process thereafter.

### Learning and Policy development

Meets bi-monthly to respond to learning from SARs and audits, and develop policies and procedures.

### Quality & Safeguarding Information

Meets monthly to take preventative actions regarding potential and emerging risk.

### Quality assurance and Performance

Meets bi-monthly for oversight of, and response to, required Board assurance.

## Board support team

The business of the Board and subgroups is supported by a Board Support Team.

# Our priorities for 2020/21

## **(1) Service User's Voice**

Embedding safeguarding practices and processes that **'capture the voice of the service user'**;

## **(2) Transitional Safeguarding**

## **(3) Mental Health and Safeguarding**

## **(4) Homelessness and Safeguarding**

# Safeguarding Adult Reviews

**A Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) is a legal duty under the Care Act 2014.**

**The objectives of SARs include establishing:**

- lessons that can be learnt from how professionals and their agencies work together;
- how effective the safeguarding procedures are;
- learning and good practice issues;
- how to improve local inter-agency practice;
- service improvement or development needs for agencies.

**The purpose of a SAR is not to:**

- be a primary investigation process;
- re-investigate a safeguarding incident;
- apportion blame;
- substitute for a complaints process.

## **SAR Criteria**

- an adult has died (including death by suicide), and abuse or neglect is known or suspected to be a factor in their death; **or**
- an adult has experienced serious abuse or neglect which has resulted in: permanent harm, reduced capacity or quality of life (whether because of physical or psychological effects), or
- the individual would have been likely to have died but for an intervention;

**and**

there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult.

Details of our previously published SARs are on our website [safeguardingadultsboard@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingadultsboard@westsussex.gov.uk)

# More about us

**If you would like to find out more about the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board:**

- Website  
[www.westsussexsab.org.uk](http://www.westsussexsab.org.uk)
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[@WSussexSAB](https://twitter.com/WSussexSAB)
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- \* We also produce bi-monthly newsletters as well as special edition newsletters on our Board priorities