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Working in Partnership to Safeguard Adults in Surrey

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The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under the Care Act 2014.

The main focus of the SAB is to ensure that in Surrey, safeguarding adults arrangements work effectively so that adults are able to live their lives free from abuse or neglect.

Within the Care Act, safeguarding adults duties apply to an adult who has care and support needs, is experiencing or at risk of abuse and neglect, and is unable to protect themselves as a result of their care and support needs.



Strategic priorities



Prevention & Awareness

Communication & Engagement

Quality & Improvement

Reflection & Learning

Partnership is essential to safeguarding

- ▶ No one agency can create an effective safeguarding system by itself
- ▶ Only a joined-up approach at a strategic level will mean that people receive a better response
- ▶ To test the effectiveness of strategic arrangements, we must always ask: ‘How is our partnership making a positive difference to the lives and experiences of local people?’
- ▶ At their very best, local arrangements show that ambitious, joined-up strategic partnership have a clear line of sight on practice, on the experiences of individuals and on the impact of that direct work.



A shared vision for safeguarding: the heart of the work



Making the cultural shift towards 'doing the right thing' rather than 'doing things right' in safeguarding requires us to focus on the 'heart of the work' rather than allowing the bureaucratic aspects of our work to become too dominant (Professor Eileen Munro)

Shared vision, values and principles



At the heart of our partnership work should be shared vision, values and principles. An outstanding safeguarding partnership will be able to:

- ▶ Encourage positive relationships amongst partners based on trust, transparency and shared responsibility
- ▶ Foster an environment where we can hold each other to account, share information confidently and work collaboratively and creatively with each other, and in co-production, towards effective and proportionate decision making and responses
- ▶ Ensure the safety and wellbeing of individuals remains central to everything we do

Values: how we will be



- ▶ **Accountable:** we will take responsibility for our roles and that of our organisations to protect people from abuse and neglect. We will challenge and support one another.
- ▶ **Bold:** we will have the curiosity to understand the problem and the courage and integrity to do all we can to achieve the best solution
- ▶ **Caring:** we will value, respect and empathise with every adult, family and professional
- ▶ **Dynamic:** we will motivate each other to be innovative and creative.

Principles: what we will be

- ▶ **Flexible:** a **commitment** to working in a way that is informative, reflective and adaptable to the diverse and changing needs of our community
- ▶ **Safe:** a **commitment** to hold each other to account, to understand and respect our interdependencies, risks and needs from all perspectives and to take collective responsibility for safeguarding across our community
- ▶ **Inclusive:** a **commitment** to promoting and ensuring safeguarding with respect for individuality, culture, unique circumstances and barriers.
- ▶ **Collaborative:** a **commitment** to co-production; creating strategy, responses and solutions which incorporate the perspectives, knowledge, skills and strengths of professionals *and* people with lived experience.





Do we have a skilled, informed and confident workforce?

Do we listen to the views of local people?



How do we know we are making a difference?

Reviewing our work



What are the biggest risks for preventing neglect and abuse?



Where does abuse happen and by whom?



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Thank you

Any questions?