

Who are we?

Three statutory partners:

- Nottingham City Council Adult Social Care
- Nottinghamshire Police
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG

Thirteen other partners:

- Nottingham City Council Community Protection
- Nottinghamshire Probation Service
- Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- East Midlands Ambulance Service
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Nottingham CityCare Partnership
- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Nottingham Community & Voluntary Service
- HMP Nottingham
- Healthwatch
- Nottingham City Strategic Housing Team
- Department for Work and Pensions

Independent Chair:

- Helen Watson throughout 2021/22



How we work

Alongside the Board and Business Management Group, there are:

- **The Quality Assurance subgroup** responsible for evaluating the quality of safeguarding adult interventions and partner agencies' performance
- **The Safeguarding Adults Review subgroup** responsible for commissioning SARs to ensure that agencies learn lessons and improve practice
- **The Training, Learning and Improvement subgroup** responsible for disseminating safeguarding messages, training opportunities and learning identified in SARs



A snapshot of what we achieved in 2021/22

Prevention

- Promoted World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Ann Craft Trust safeguarding awareness week, training events across the partnership, and the Council's Hate Crime Strategy
- Published 7-minute briefings on 'professional curiosity' and 'using chronologies', a 'what is a SAR' guide for families, and a 'perception vs reality' poster about exploitation
- Used local schools census data to identify whether local population groups were accurately represented in adult safeguarding data
- Devised an action plan responding to the NICE 'Care homes and adult safeguarding' report recommendations

Assurance

- From the council adult social care service assurance about the use of 'trusted assessors' within voluntary sector partner agencies
- From the integrated care system (ICS) and integrated care partnership (ICP) assurance that adult safeguarding would continue to be included in their workstreams
- From partners on the cross-cutting themes of: housing and homelessness; financial scams and abuse; Prevent; modern slavery; female genital mutilation; domestic and sexual violence and abuse

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

- Asked partners to report how they ensured MSP practice in their agencies
- Started work on 'transitional safeguarding' and development of a local MSP toolkit
- Started design of an 'MSP and adult safeguarding' questionnaire for frontline staff

Board performance

- Continued quarterly joint agenda-setting meetings with the Community Safety and Drug Partnership and Children's Partnership
- Began monitoring for changes in partner agencies' section 42 referral conversion rates
- Evaluated existing Board scrutiny arrangements



A snapshot of the external assurance we sought

- Suicide prevention
- Female genital mutilation
- Prevent duty under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Domestic and sexual violence and abuse
- Financial scams and abuse

What safeguarding adults reviews were conducted?

The Board received one SAR application relating to hoarding. A meeting was scheduled for May 2022 to decide whether the criteria for a statutory or non-statutory SAR were met. Further information will be in next year's annual report.

Two SARs initiated in 2020/21 – one involving a man who died of starvation, and the other involving a woman who overdosed on insulin and subsequently died in hospital – were presented to the Board in June 2022 and the reports and their recommendations were approved.

One action from a SAR remains outstanding – development of a multi-agency pathway for practitioners to access support when working with those suspected of being victims of exploitation or modern slavery. This is in the 2022/23 annual action plan and will be drafted with Nottinghamshire SAB.

What is our focus for 2022/23?



- Maintain a focus on three priorities: Prevention, Assurance and Making Safeguarding Personal
- Finalise two SARs; put in place clear action plans to ensure recommendations are completed; put measures in place to ensure practice changes are embedded
- Review existing policies, procedures and protocols
- Raise awareness of the Board's work through a SAB newsletter
- Work closely with the new ICB and ICP to seek assurance on new safeguarding governance arrangements
- Strengthen the relationship with the Children's and CS&D Partnerships and set out shared priorities and areas of work

"Despite the continued impact of Covid-19 on services, citizens and communities, this report evidences the strength of the partnership's commitment to adult safeguarding within the city. Services have continued to work tirelessly to prevent and reduce the risk of abuse.

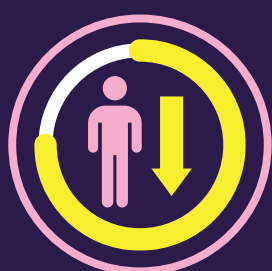
"I have been very impressed by the dedication and willingness of all partners to actively engage in the business of safeguarding adults and am very much looking forward to working more closely with partners in 2022/23 to build on the work already taking place and ensure our particular focus is given to making safeguarding personal and prevention."

Lesley Hutchinson, Independent Chair (May 2022)

Safeguarding stats for 2021/22

11th

Nottingham is the
11th most deprived
district in the country



2,951

safeguarding adults
concerns were received
46 fewer than in 2020/21

1,367

s.42 enquiries
were undertaken
267 fewer than in 2020/21

636

enquiries were
about neglect

274

were about
financial abuse

322

were about
physical abuse

203

were about
psychological abuse

In **84%** of cases, risk was either not identified, reduced or removed