

## 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 Chairs:

- Joy Hollister to December 2020
- Helen Watson from January 2021

## 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 & Improvement subgroup** responsible for disseminating safeguarding messages, training opportunities and learning identified in SARs



## What have we achieved?

### Prevention

- Promoted the MHRA emollents campaign, Trading Standards 'Covid' scams advice, 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day' and the Ann Craft Trust 'Safeguarding Awareness Week'
- Produced 'seven-minute briefings' on modern slavery and 'mate crime', as well as posters and an adult safeguarding training slideshow for volunteers
- Hosted webinars run by Equation about domestic abuse during the pandemic

### Assurance

- From all partners about their pandemic responses, including housing strategy, the CCG and the Council
- From the Council that ASC 'shared lives' scheme, 'provider investigation procedure' and Community Protection's SERAC forum all promoted effective adult safeguarding
- From all partners that services could effectively signpost and support adult survivors of non-recent abuse

### Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

- Created a leaflet that all partner agencies could use explaining what MSP is
- Promoted the LGA 'Myths and realities of MSP' summary
- Asked partners to report how they ensured MSP practice amongst their staff

### Board performance

- Collaborated with the 'Nottingham together' forum and established 'joint agenda setting' meetings with the CDP and Children's Partnership
- Improved access and reporting of real-time adult safeguarding data
- Expanded Board oversight and scrutiny arrangements by the Council

## What external assurance have 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 have been conducted?

A non-mandatory SAR involving the death by immolation of a disabled man who used paraffin-based emollient cream was completed. Learning identified that staff must refer to NFRS when working with people who use paraffin-based emollients, and that staff and patients should be familiar with the risks they pose.

An SAR involving a man with learning difficulties who was abused while his house was 'cuckooed' by acquaintances was also completed. Learning included the need to improve awareness of modern slavery and exploitation, encourage use of chronologies and promote a multiagency pathway for practitioners working with people at risk of exploitation.

Two SARs were initiated during the year and will be reported on in next year's report. One referral, involving a man later found to have died from natural causes, was not progressed.



## What is our focus for 2021/22?

- Seek assurance that support for people most affected by the pandemic is prioritised, including care home residents and those experiencing domestic abuse
- Identify population groups less well served by adult safeguarding arrangements and improve our engagement with community organisations
- Seek assurance that the new ICS incorporates adult safeguarding into its workstreams; continue to improve working relations with both Children's and Crime and Drug Partnerships
- Develop a PiPoT policy, renew our focus on MSP in practice, promote the Council's hate crime strategy, improve Board scrutiny arrangements and incorporate National SAR report recommendations into our practice

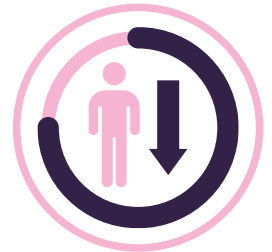
# Safeguarding stats for 2020/21

**11<sup>th</sup>** Nottingham is the 11th most deprived district in the country



**2,997** safeguarding adults referrals were received  
**963 fewer than in 2019/20**

**1,523** enquiries were undertaken  
**327 fewer than in 2019/20**



**640** enquiries were about neglect

**375** were about financial abuse

**286** were about physical abuse

**271** were about psychological abuse

In **56%** of cases, risk was **reduced** & in **17%** the risk was **removed**

*"Despite the backdrop of Covid-19, this report once again evidences the strength of the partnership's commitment to adult safeguarding within the City. 2020/21 was a challenging year, with the effects of the pandemic felt by everyone, especially partner agencies and care home staff and residents, but since taking on the role of Chair, I have been hugely impressed by the resilience and positivity of the partnership and the very real achievements brought about during this difficult time.*

*"Looking ahead, it is clear the Board must continue to ensure that safeguarding remains 'everybody's business', whilst partner agencies maintain their commitment to supporting those adults most in need as services integrate ever closer."*

**Helen Watson, Independent Chair**