

Annual Report 2022 – 2023

How the Board has overseen and led on safeguarding in Sandwell, preparing for the challenge.



Headlines & Key Achievements

Task and finish groups looked at:

- Domestic Abuse
- Learning Disability and Autism
- Embedding learning from statutory reviews
- New virtual & e-learning programmes
- Reviewed sub groups and their membership
- Accessible SAR learning e.g. Elizabeth's Story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vm7jGaWrwks>
- Introduced new members to the board
- Developed a range of accessible resources
- Worked in partnership with the Ann Craft Trust, looking at relationships and 'tricky friends' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hBSt8YRfQE>
- Made changes to practice, building on the vulnerable adults risk management process



Continued to raise awareness of key place based safeguarding concerns

- Worked in partnership with modern slavery colleagues
- Continued to promote 'See something, do something' as a campaign, supporting everybody's understanding of safeguarding
- Regular, accessible safeguarding messages and awareness raising of issues, using social media/newsletters/screensavers and a range of publicity materials
- Participation in regional and national forums
- Developed a WMAS toolkit



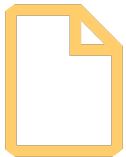
Sub Groups

Prevention, Protection and Learning & Development

- Participated in National Safeguarding Week on a virtual basis and continued to promote 'See Something, Do Something'
- SSAB developed a range of resources and questionnaires supporting the work of task and finish groups and actively participated in Sandwell Safer 6 campaign, where we worked in partnership with West Midlands Fire Service to raise awareness of fire related risks
- SSAB worked with the Ann Craft Trust to deliver two face to face learning opportunities looking at the impact of domestic abuse on women with needs for care and support and exploring what a good relationship looks like
- Developed virtual training on chairing multi agency meetings which is now mandatory for Adult Social Care managers

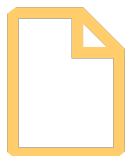


Sub Groups



SAR Standing Panel

- 2 new referrals
- 1 SAR considered during the reporting period
- 1 SAR commissioned as a thematic review. None where criteria not met



Quality and Excellence

- Supported the development of a quality assurance framework identifying priority areas for audit
- Key lines of enquiry identified and a new chair and deputy chair appointed
- Care Act compliance self audit tool developed in September 2022. The compliance audit tool continues to be reviewed and a peer review will be planned for late 2023



Thank you for listening.

Any questions?



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