

## **Introduction**

The Care Act 2014 establishes an explicit legal framework for local authorities and partner agencies to work together to help and protect adults with care and support needs. The role of the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is to assure itself that:

- Local safeguarding arrangements are robust
- Agencies are working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect
- Safeguarding practice is person centred and outcome focussed

In line with the requirements of the Care Act 2014, Nottingham City has established a standalone Safeguarding Adults Board, and the Board has an independent chair. The NCSAB Strategic Business Plan 2016 - 2019 identifies the Board's strategic priorities and the annual actions agreed to ensure that these responsibilities are met locally.

## **Strategic Priorities**

The Nottingham City SAB identifies four strategic priorities.

### **1. Prevention**

To promote effective strategies of preventing abuse and neglect and to ensure that there is a proactive framework of risk management.

### **2. Assurance**

The development and implementation of robust mechanisms of quality assurance which are used to monitor the effectiveness of local Safeguarding Adults' arrangements and that Serious Adult Reviews (SARs) are undertaken for any cases meeting the criteria outlined by the Care Act 2014.

### **3. Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)**

To promote person-centred and outcome focussed practice.

### **4. Board Performance and Capacity.**

To ensure that the Board has full engagement from relevant partners is sufficiently resourced and that adequate arrangements are in place which enable it to discharge its responsibilities

## **Delivery**

The strategic plan will be delivered by the implementation of an Annual Action Plan for each of the 3 years of this Plan. Annual Action Plans will build on existing strengths developed over many years of partnership working in the City in order to maximise the benefits of current

opportunities whilst seeking to minimise the impact of challenges that arise for the Board and / or its partner agencies in an era of austerity and pressures on public and third sector services.

The annual action plans will be managed by the Board's Business Management Group (BMG) with exception reports being provided to the full Board.

### **Objectives**

The Board identifies core themes for these annual action plans which will evolve as work progresses.

#### **Year 1 Reviewing and Revising**

In Year 1 we will put in place robust arrangements to ensure that partner organisations are fully engaged and that the Board is able to deliver its core responsibilities.

#### **Year 2 Developing**

In year 2 we will build on our actions in year 1 by identifying new areas of work to further strengthen the work of the Board and its partners to promote the delivery of excellent arrangements for the safeguarding of adults who have needs for care and support.

#### **Year 3 Embedding**

In Year 3 we will consolidate progress and improvements made in years 1 and 2 and develop the next strategic business plan for safeguarding adults in Nottingham City.