



Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21

Overview and update for People & Health Scrutiny Committee

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The Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) exists as the local authority has a duty under the Care Act 2014 (s43) to have a Safeguarding Adults Board

Statutory partners are: Dorset Council
 Dorset NHS Clinical Commissioning Group
 Dorset Police

Other partners include University Hospitals Dorset, Dorset HealthCare, the Fire and Ambulance services, Probation, the Prison service, the Department for Work and Pensions, Healthwatch and representatives from the voluntary sector - Age UK and Volunteer Centre Dorset

The DSAB works very closely with the BCP Safeguarding Adults Board through our shared subgroups



The Board has 3 key statutory duties –

Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how we will meet our objectives and how our members and partner agencies will contribute.

Publish an annual report detailing what we have done and how effective we have been.

Undertake a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) when someone has died, or experienced significant harm and it appears agencies have not worked effectively together.

Working jointly with BCP Safeguarding Adults Board

Our joint strategic plan 2018-2021

- Work with the care provider market around safeguarding concerns
- Ensure closer working with community safety partnerships - domestic abuse and adult safeguarding
- Commit to a 'whole family' approach to practice
- Ensure lessons from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) impact and change practice

Our Joint Business Plan 2020-22

Priority themes:

- Safeguarding in the care sector
- Domestic abuse
- Neglect and self neglect
- SAB Governance Review

Associated themes:

- Implement learning from SARs, DHRs & LeDeR Reviews
- Exploitation and county lines
- Homelessness
- Alcohol and Substance misuse



Progress made in 2020-21



- Partner agencies supported the provider market throughout the pandemic, with practical help e.g., supplying PPE and strategically through the Local Resilience Forum
 - The SAB continued to work with the Community Safety Partnership on Domestic Abuse and contributed to their Domestic Abuse Strategy
 - Whole Family working is further embedded into training/ working practice across all agencies
 - The SAB continued to work on actions arising from a SAR started in 2019 as well as commission a new SAR.
 - Working with the local authority, steps have been taken to better understand the safeguarding categories of Neglect & Acts of Omission to enable preventative work to take place.
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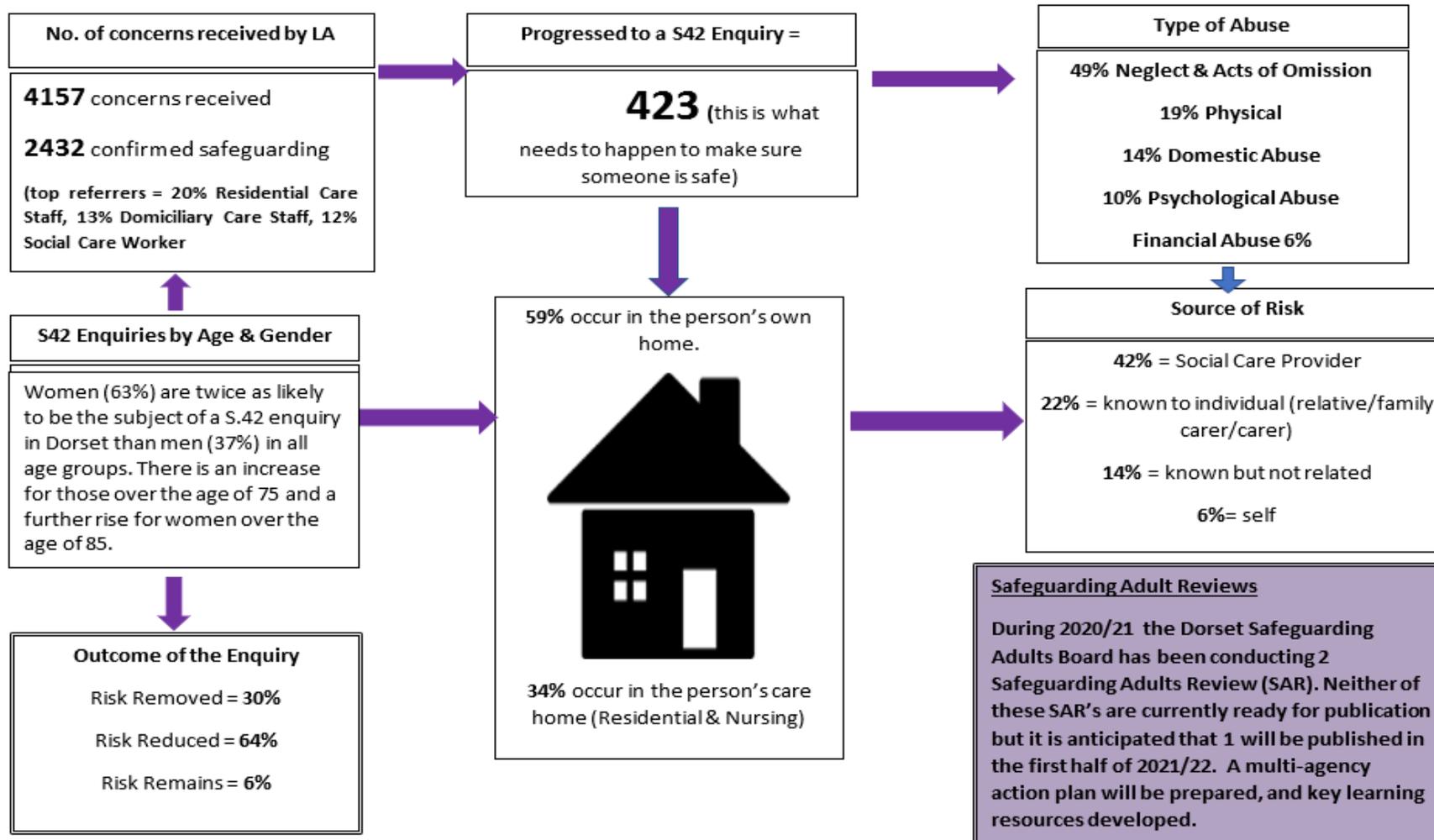
- Completed the Multi Agency Risk Management (MARM) audit work and established an action to develop improved guidance and application of MARM principles.
 - The SAB has focused on Homelessness and will continue to do so in 2021/ 2022
 - The SAB participated in a nationwide project run by Alcohol Change UK and this continues to be a focus for improved preventative work, following a recent local event.
 - The SAB supported the local authority with submissions for the LGA covid insight project.
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Safeguarding Data



- The Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC) is a set of data recording details of all safeguarding activity relating to adults aged 18 and over in England.
- It includes activity reported to or identified by councils with adult social care responsibility – including demographic information about adults at risk and details of the incident/s alleged.
- It also identifies how well the ‘Making Safeguarding Personal’ (MSP) principles have been addressed.
- The Local Authorities safeguarding data is received and analysed by the Boards’ Quality Assurance sub group.

Infographic of safeguarding activity reported to



No. of concerns received by LA

4157 concerns received

2432 confirmed safeguarding

(top referrers = 20% Residential Care Staff, 13% Domiciliary Care Staff, 12% Social Care Worker)

Progressed to a S42 Enquiry =

423 (this is what needs to happen to make sure someone is safe)

Type of Abuse

49% Neglect & Acts of Omission

19% Physical

14% Domestic Abuse

10% Psychological Abuse

Financial Abuse 6%

S42 Enquiries by Age & Gender

Women (63%) are twice as likely to be the subject of a S.42 enquiry in Dorset than men (37%) in all age groups. There is an increase for those over the age of 75 and a further rise for women over the age of 85.

59% occur in the person's own home.



34% occur in the person's care home (Residential & Nursing)

Source of Risk

42% = Social Care Provider

22% = known to individual (relative/family carer/carer)

14% = known but not related

6% = self

Outcome of the Enquiry

Risk Removed = **30%**

Risk Reduced = **64%**

Risk Remains = **6%**

Safeguarding Adult Reviews

During 2020/21 the Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board has been conducting 2 Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR). Neither of these SAR's are currently ready for publication but it is anticipated that 1 will be published in the first half of 2021/22. A multi-agency action plan will be prepared, and key learning resources developed.

Our Plans for 2021-2022



Work with the new independent chair to finalise the governance review, working with partners to ensure the Board is effective, efficient and maximises opportunities for joint working

Continue to seek assurance from Board Member organisations in their safeguarding work

Work flexibly, taking account of organisational priorities in the pandemic

Publish revised Pan Dorset Safeguarding Adults Procedures with BCP SAB and review other key policy documents including the Multi Agency Risk Management Guidance and SAR Policy

Ensure that we engage effectively with Providers, the Voluntary and Community Sector and importantly with those who have lived experience of a safeguarding intervention

Focus of our strategic plan for the coming (and current) year



Refresh how we work as two Safeguarding Adults Boards across the Dorset and BCP council areas

Review our structure and process to deliver a focused Strategic Plan which is easy to understand for everyone - professionals and citizens

Ensure that Transitional Safeguarding and Homelessness are key priority areas for work in the coming year.

Focus on involving citizens more in the work of the Board by establishing a community reference group

Take into account the challenges which citizens and all partners have been facing in the pandemic

Ensure learning from published SAR is shared and embedded to make changes in practice.