



# 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



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## The Board has 3 key statutory duties –

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

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

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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.
  - 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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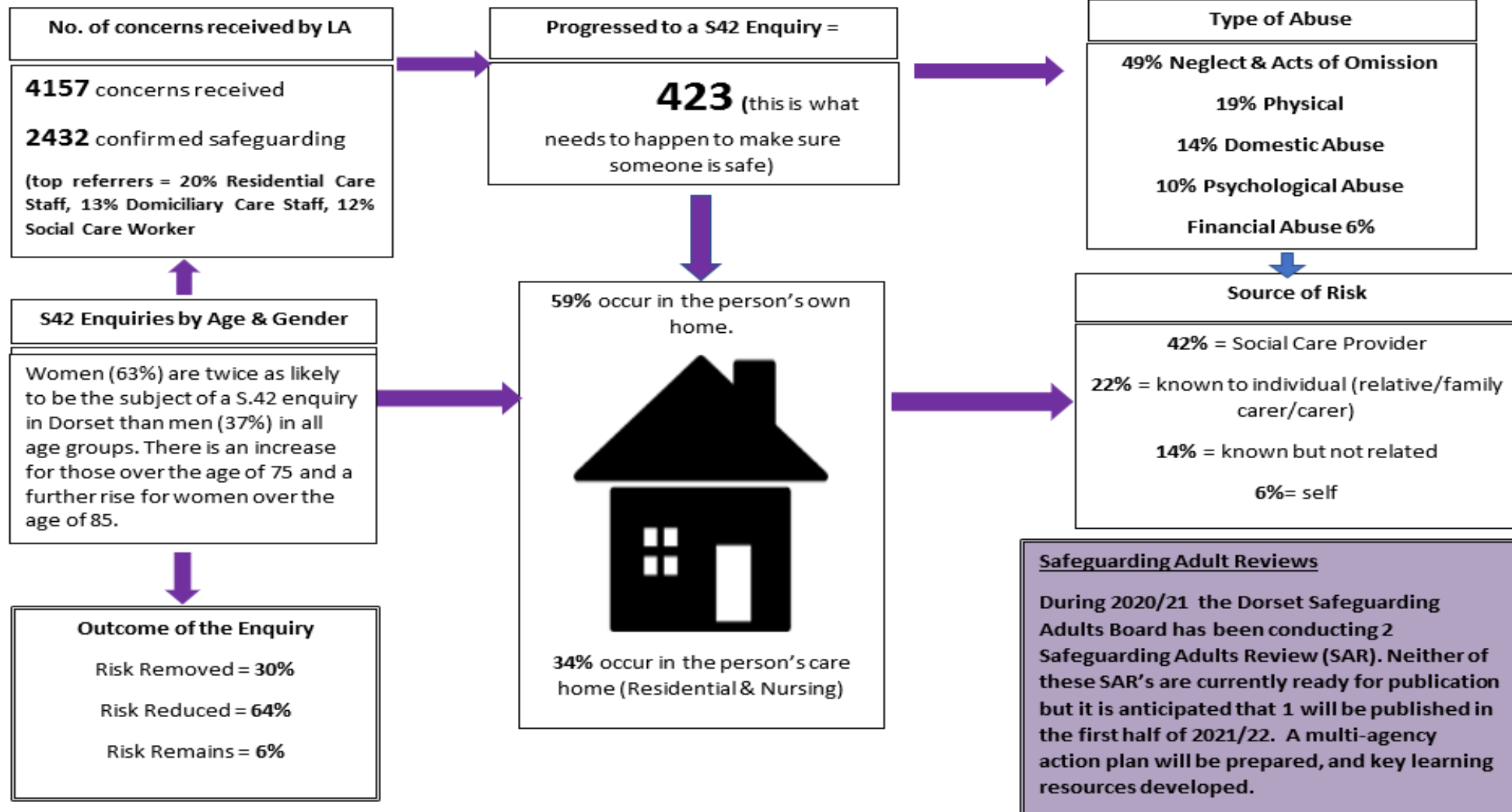
- Completed the Multi Agency Risk Management (MARM) audit work and established an action to develop improved guidance and application of MARM principles.
  - The SAB has focused on Homelessness and will continue to do so in 2021/ 2022
  - The SAB participated in a nationwide project run by Alcohol Change 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





# 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.