



Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board
Annual Report April 2021 – March 2022
Siân Walker-McAllister – Independent Chair



Dorset SAB – 3 Statutory partners and wide engagement from across NHS, Police, Local Authorities, VCS, Housing, Community Safety, Fire & Rescue, Probation, Prisons, social care providers and further/higher ed.

The Board exists to protect adults with care and support needs, at risk from abuse, significant harm and neglect. We achieve this through collective accountability

The Care Act (2014) Section 43 says that every local authority **must** have a Safeguarding Adults Board. The purpose of the Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) is to help safeguard people who have care and support needs. The Board must assure itself that everyone is working together to keep adults safe from abuse and neglect.

The Board meets quarterly, jointly with BCP SAB, to review quarterly safeguarding data and seek assurance about safeguarding practice. Working together across Dorset/BCP, with all safeguarding partner organisations, improves outcomes for people with care and support needs

Highlights from the 2021/2022 DBCP SAB Annual Report

- Delivered against our strategic plan to support partner organisations through audit, assurance and understanding the challenges. Developed a new Strategic Plan for 2021-2024 with initial focus on Transitional Safeguarding & Homelessness
- Safeguarding Data highlighted on Page 10
- Reviewed the Board governance and subgroup structures to improve accountability and focus and work more efficiently with the BCP SAB
- Published new Safeguarding Procedures and Safeguarding Adult Review Policy & Guidance on multi-agency risk management
- Targeted scrutiny on safeguarding during the Pandemic
- Developed improved engagement with the Voluntary & community sector to develop ways to better listen to those with lived experience
- Initiated new and regular meetings with Chairs of the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership and Dorset/ BCP Community Safety Partnerships to improve understanding across these statutory Boards
- Set up consultation fora outside the main Board to improve safeguarding awareness in further/higher education
- Published SAR Katherine (Page 12) and began wide dissemination of the learning from this safeguarding adult review