

# Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Boards (DBCP SABs) Annual Report 2022-23

Dorset Council People Health & Wellbeing Board  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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**Independent DBCP SAB Chair**





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**The Board has 3 key statutory duties as defined by the Care Act 2014 – Local Authorities are the lead partner in adult safeguarding and have the responsibility to host the Safeguarding Adult Board**

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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.

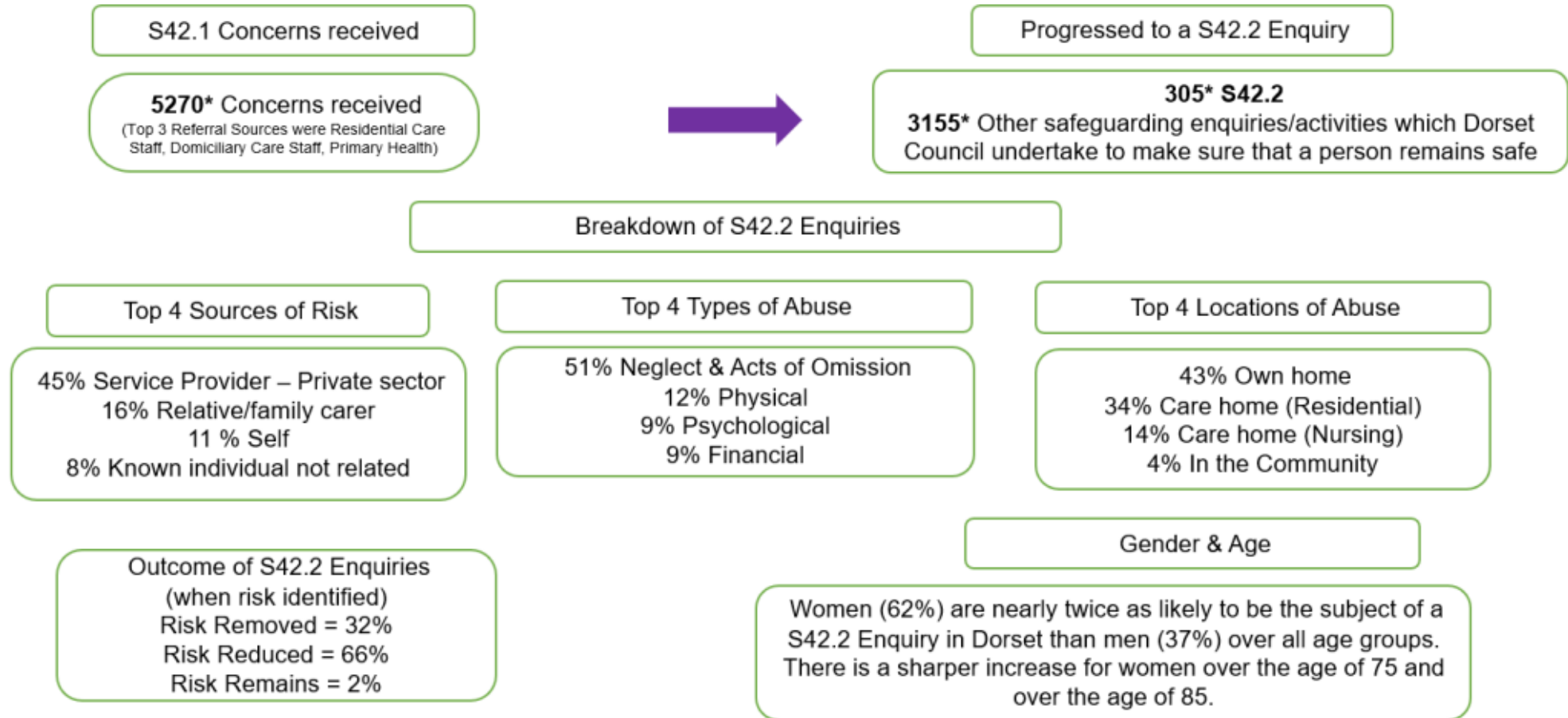
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Publish an annual report detailing what we have done and how effective we have been.

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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.

# Dorset Council - Safeguarding Activity & Performance Information 2022/23



## Safeguarding Adult Reviews

During 2022/23 the Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board has been conducting two Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR). Neither of these SAR's are currently ready for publication but it is anticipated that one will be published in autumn 2023. A multi-agency action plan will be prepared, and key learning resources developed.

\*Volumes of concerns and enquiries as published in the Safeguarding Adults Collection by NHS Digital [Safeguarding Adults, England, 2022-23 - NHS Digital](#)

## The Dorset and BCP Safeguarding Adults Boards Strategic Plan 2021-2023

Work closely with the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children's Partnership and both Community Safety Partnerships to ensure that young people in transition from Children's service intervention are recognised when safeguarding concerns are considered by adult services; and there is good information-sharing between services.		Involve people and communities in the work of the Board to ensure we listen to their voices and enable them to contribute to the design and delivery of our strategic aims and planning processes.	
Better understand the significant impact and pressures on commissioning services within health and social care.	Work within the new Integrated Care System/ Integrated Care Board in the context of safeguarding assurance framework	Ensure there is good preventative multi-agency working using a contextual safeguarding approach to support individuals who are homeless.	
Continued assurance of the application of learning from SAR's (Safeguarding Adult Reviews) and where appropriate DHR's (Domestic Homicide Reviews) and CSPR's (Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews) where each relate to safeguarding adults.		Enhancing understanding and recognition of domestic abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour and its impact on people with care and support needs.	
Develop assurance on the delivery of proposed Liberty Protection Safeguards.	Preventative safeguarding work will continue to be developed with all our partners	Seek assurance that 'Making Safeguarding Personal' (MSP) is understood and the principles are consistently applied.	
Improve assurance on delivery of safe practice in private mental health hospitals		Continue to embed 'Think Family' into practice	

# Strategic Plan

## SAB Achievements during 2022-23

These are highlighted on Page 8 of the Report:

### **Continued development with partners of preventative work in safeguarding**

- Work with the Community Engagement (CEG) subgroup to involve a wider range of people to share information as to how to stay safe. This includes further work with people and groups representing the voice of the 'un-heard' person.
- Work with people from Higher & Further Education establishments to ensure that students and those working in the sector are aware of safeguarding practices and have good links with the wider safeguarding sector.
- Commenced engagement with the wider registered social housing provider sector and faith groups
- Published two '7 Minute Learning' papers on 'Understanding Homelessness and 'Exercising Professional Curiosity'.
- Work alongside the Dorset Healthcare Forum for professionals working with people with complex behaviours.
- Delivered learning at 'Safeguarding Adults Week' with keynote speakers.
- Developed an Information Pack for Board Members.
- Attended the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Childrens Partnership (PDSCP) Executive Development event where priorities were shared with the PDSCP and our 2 Community Safety Partnerships
- Delivered a reflective development event with an external facilitator for Board Members which enabled us to reflect on how we evidenced delivery of assurance about adult safeguarding and facilitated discussion on how the Boards can improve on our preventative work, including by analysis of data and by strategic planning.

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### **Continuing to seek assurance on safeguarding practice across system partners**

- SAR 'Aziza' was published with an Action plan for all agencies.
- Delivered the DBCPSAB Training Strategy
- Reviewed the Boards' business arrangements to ensure effective delivery of our safeguarding strategy.
- Commenced work on aligning Dorset/ BCP data with NHS DiiS information
- Updated our Safeguarding Adults Policy & Protocols.
- Commenced delivery of improved board member engagement, ensure a renewed energy and commitment to providing assurance on safeguarding after the pandemic. We meet in person as well as hold virtual meetings.

### **Assurance on delivery of 'Making Safeguarding Personal'**

- QA subgroup oversaw an audit of Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) resulting in actions for agencies to provide evidence that MSP is embedded in practice – with ongoing monitoring and review planned in-year '23/24.
- Agreed that delivering MSP will be strengthened through training and development.
- Focussed on MSP at the Boards' Development Event to ensure both challenge and assurance about how it is delivered.



# Key messages for Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board

- As Independent Chair I hold all partners to account for delivering effective safeguarding strategies and services – the info above focusses on Dorset Council, but the Board holds partners to account for ‘joining it all together’
- Work across the partnership continuously improves and in particular to ensure we share data and information and understand all the challenges
- The Board has enabled a focus on joining up across the system - examples of how this is working include working with housing partners; being better informed about how the ICS holds healthcare providers to account; considering safeguarding issues with Prisons and how the Police and partners work together to ensure delivery of ‘Right Person, Right Time’
- Much of this is work currently in train this year.
- Important to note that the Board is strategically engaged with other statutory partnerships – the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) & Pan-Dorset Children’s Safeguarding Partnership (PDCSP). This is effective to ensure non-duplication and most appropriate forms of intervention with statutory reviews.



# Questions

