

Health & Wellbeing Board

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Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2024-2025

For Review and Consultation

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N/A

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Statutory Authority: Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board

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Executive summary (maximum of 500 words)

The Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) publishes an Annual Report each year and is required, as set out in the Care Act 2014, to present this to the Council's Health & Wellbeing Board.

Many Councils also request that the report is presented to Scrutiny as the report enables a discussion on the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board. The attached report is for the year April 2024 to March 2025. The report was agreed at the September meeting of the Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB).

The Dorset SAB has successfully worked together with the BCP SAB with joint meetings over the year. We publish 2 separate Annual Reports, one for each of the Boards as they are separately constituted. Throughout 24-25, Dorset SAB has delivered against all priorities which are set out in the annual work plan; this Annual Report summarises what the Board has achieved.

Recommendation(s)

Members note the report which informs how the SAB has carried out its responsibilities to prevent abuse, harm and neglect of adults with care and support needs during 2024- 2025.

Reason for the recommendation(s)

1. In setting out how the SAB has delivered against the strategic plan during the year, this Annual Report also acknowledges the contribution each of the board partners has made to implementing its strategy. The Strategic Plan for this current year is set out on Page 8.
2. The safeguarding data for Dorset is shown on Page 7 of the Annual Report.
3. It is a statutory requirement that the Annual Report provides a summary of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) which were published within the year. These are statutory reviews commissioned by the Board, where someone with care and support needs has died or suffered significant harm and where agencies could have worked better together.

The report

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Alternative options considered

N/A

Legal considerations

As set out in the Care Act 2014, it is a statutory requirement for the Safeguarding Adults Board to publish an Annual Report each year and to present that report to the Council's Health & Wellbeing Board. The Annual Report must also include details of any Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) which has been commissioned by the Board.

Financial implications

The budget for the Board is shown on Page 6 of the Annual Report – it shows contributions made by each Council and the partners. For this financial year, the Board has worked as a single business unit.

Natural environment, climate & ecology implications

N/A

Well-being and health implications

The continual support and challenge role of DSAB with partner organisations and others will contribute positively to the health and wellbeing of local residents. The Annual Report is reviewed by Healthwatch prior to publication.

Other implications

N/A

Risk implications

N/A

Equalities

The SAB works with partner organisations to ensure that all residents have the same opportunity of receiving services in relation to safeguarding, without discrimination. The SAB Quality Assurance Subgroup works with data analysts from statutory partners to identify any potential statistical differences in respect of those accessing safeguarding services and any relevant demographic factors

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2024-25

Background papers

N/A

Report sign-off

This report has been approved by the DBCPSAB Board at their meeting on 25 September 2025