



NSSAB

Strategic Plan 2023 to 2026

Introduction:

A word from the Independent Chair, Teresa Bell:

I am pleased to introduce the Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026 for the NSSAB together with our Business Plan for 2023/2024. They are framed within our 4 strategic intentions: Listening, Learning, Challenging and Leading.

We continue to review our priority areas for action as we consider recommendations from our recent partnership Development Sessions, Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Thematic Reviews, local audits, data from across our partnership and from the views of people with lived experience.

Our partnership needs to find better ways to ensure that we engage with and include all communities across North Somerset, particularly those with lived experience, and this commitment is confirmed in another priority for this year:

Our focus is on ensuring that our partnership is clear about how we will deliver specific actions within identified priority areas and how we will measure our achievements.

In order to ensure that our partnership can deliver on our agreed priorities, we have needed to review and extend our board membership to be more inclusive and to rebuild our sub-group arrangements. Each subgroup now has a chair and deputy chair from across our partnership who will work to deliver their particular part of the business plan. We go into 2023/2024 with renewed confidence in our partnership's strengths and ability to work together to ensure that North Somerset is a safe place to live for everyone.

What we do and our purpose:

NSSAB is a statutory, multi-agency partnership, which gives strategic leadership for adult safeguarding across the North Somerset. A full list of NSSAB membership can be found [here](#).

The work of the NSSAB is underpinned by legislation in the Care Act 2014, which outlines and directs the core purpose of our board.

The objective of a SAB is to help and protect adults in its area in cases of the kind described in [Section 42\(1\) of the Care Act](#).

NSSAB has 3 core duties as explained under [14.136 of the care and support statutory guidance](#):

- *it must publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this. The plan must be developed with local community involvement, and the SAB must consult the local Healthwatch organisation. The plan should be evidence based and make use of all available evidence and intelligence from partners to form and develop its plan.*
- *it must publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as detailing the findings of any safeguarding adults reviews and subsequent action.*
- *it must conduct any safeguarding adults review in accordance with Section 44 of the Act.*

Everything we do is underpinned by the 6 safeguarding principles [14.13 of the care and support statutory guidance](#):

• **Empowerment** – *People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent.*

• **Prevention** – *It is better to take action before harm occurs.*

• **Proportionality** – *The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.*

• **Protection** - *Support and representation for those in greatest need.*

• **Partnership** – *Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.*

• **Accountability** – *Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.*

Our vision “Our vision is for all partners to work together effectively to enable people in North Somerset to live free from abuse and neglect, and to promote widely the message that safeguarding is everybody’s responsibility”

Our commitment “Our commitment is to uphold the six principles of safeguarding as set out in the Care Act:

Empowerment, Protection, Prevention, Proportionality, Partnership, Accountability”

To achieve our vision and aims, **the Board will:**

- actively promote collaboration and commitment
- work together on prevention strategies
- listen to the voice of clients and carers to deliver positive outcomes

NSSAB Strategic Approach:

In North Somerset and under the leadership of the NSSAB we want people to be able to live as safely and independently as possible, making their own decisions, taking control of their lives, where communities:

- *have a culture that does not tolerate abuse*
- *work together to prevent harm*
- *know what to do when abuse happens*



NSSAB Strategic Intentions 2023 - 2026

