



# **Our Safeguarding Strategy**

## **2021-2024**

## **Our Vision**

Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) will collaborate with our partners to work closely together, to endorse the rights and freedoms of citizenship, within the population of our City, so that people can live safe lives, free from abuse and neglect.

## **Our Mission**

We will seek assurance, work together and hold organisations to account. We will seek and set SSAB effective shared policies and procedures and local processes, to ensure that adults at risk are supported to live safe lives and will consequently deliver an Adult Safeguarding Strategy that prioritises prevention, quality and learning.

## **Our Priorities**

### **Priority 1 – Prevention**

We will work together, in partnership, to prevent abuse and neglect, fully deploying our statutory responsibilities to protect the most vulnerable in our City. We will raise awareness; promote multi-agency risk management, and early intervention and detection to enable the people of Southampton to live safer lives.

### **Priority 2 – Quality**

We will assure our work; we will learn from local experience and that of others, and we ensure our processes aim to continuously improve safeguarding practice.

We will seek to assure that safeguarding arrangements are lawfully compliant and meet the statutory obligations set out within the 4LSAB Multi-Agency Adult Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

### **Priority 3 – Learning**

We will share lessons learned from safeguarding practice and Safeguarding Adult Reviews with transparency, across our partnership, and we will proactively promote the need for a modern, competent, skilled and shared workforce. We will enable

access to learning, for our partners, deploying local, regional and national experience to improve our safeguarding practice.

## **PRIORITY 1**

### **PREVENTION**

**'I want to live safely, I know what abuse is, I know how to get help, I am listened to and professionals will work together to help me'**

#### **WE WILL**

work together, in partnership, to prevent abuse and neglect, fully deploying our statutory responsibilities to protect the most vulnerable in our City. We will raise awareness; promote multi-agency risk management, and early intervention and detection to enable the people of Southampton to live safer lives.

#### **Our Objectives**

1. We will seek assurance that agency obligations are supported by clear processes to deliver the 4LSAB Multi- Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy & Procedures, and that agencies deliver adult safeguarding activity which prevents abuse, crime, neglect, self-neglect, modern slavery and exploitation.
2. We will work with each other and collaborate, to maximise multi-agency risk management and improve lives.
3. We will raise organisational and public awareness about abuse and neglect; what can be done to help and demonstrate how and where we seek assurance and accountability.
4. We will ensure that the voices of adults at risk are sought, heard, listened to and acted upon, and that we engage with our local communities.

## **PRIORITY 2**

### **QUALITY**

'I am confident that the people who work with me and with each other, help me to achieve my outcomes in the best possible way'

#### **WE WILL**

assure our work; learn from local experience and that of others, and ensure that our processes aim to continuously improve safeguarding practice. We will seek to assure that safeguarding arrangements are lawfully compliant and meet our statutory obligations, set within the 4LSAB Multi-Agency Adult Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

#### **Our Objectives**

1. We will ensure that agencies are held accountable for quality outcomes in their safeguarding activity; that partners measure and evaluate their own safeguarding activity and share that information with our Board.
2. We will ensure that our own performance is reviewed and evaluated.
3. We will ask agencies to seek feedback to learn from the experience of people at risk, and seek evidence that learning is put into practice to improve people's outcomes.
4. We will work to ensure that safeguarding practice is lawfully compliant and practice is made personal at every opportunity.

## **PRIORITY 3**

### **LEARNING**

**'I am confident in the people who help me and they will be confident in how to effectively safeguard'**

#### **WE WILL**

share lessons learned from safeguarding practice and Safeguarding Adult Reviews with transparency, across our partnership, and will proactively promote the need for a modern, competent, skilled and shared workforce. We will enable access to learning, for our partners, deploying local, regional and national experience to improve our safeguarding practice.

#### **Our Objectives**

1. We will seek assurance that all statutory agencies have training in place to deliver adult safeguarding obligations to prevent abuse, crime, neglect, self-neglect, exploitation and modern slavery.
2. We will seek assurance that agency training is aligned with the 4LSAB Multi-Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy & Procedures; local and national learning.
3. We will ensure that, having sought evidence from those with lived experience, that this makes a positive impact on learning and development.
4. We will share lessons learned from Safeguarding Adult Reviews, hold agencies accountable and seek evidence that organisational improvements are made, where necessary to do.