



SGSAB STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN 2017-18

Our vision for safeguarding in South Gloucestershire is that children and adults thrive, reach their full potential and live their lives free from harm, (violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation). To achieve this we will work together and with local communities to improve outcomes and to ensure South Gloucestershire is a place where safeguarding is everybody's business.

Based on the 6 Government principles:
 Empowerment Protection
 Prevention Proportionality
 Partnership Accountability

SGSAB Core Duties as detailed in the Care Act 2014:

- +Develop and publish Annual Strategic Plan**
- +Publish Annual Report**

- +Conduct any Safeguarding Adults Reviews accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act 2014**

SGSAB responsibilities include:

- Assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place
- Preventing abuse and neglect where possible
- Ensuring timely and proportionate responses when abuse/neglect have occurred

Ongoing activity of SGSAB is undertaken by the following Sub-Groups:

- Quality Assurance
- Learning & Development
- Safeguarding Adults Review
- Communication & Engagement Policy and Procedures

PRIORITY 1
Ensure effective leadership, roles and responsibilities within the Safeguarding Board

PRIORITY 2:
To actively seek to capture and act upon the voice of those affected by safeguarding concerns

PRIORITY 3:
Strengthen Board Communication, member dissemination, practitioner feedback

PRIORITY 4:
Assuring the quality of safeguarding practice in South Gloucestershire and prioritising and sharing best practice

PRIORITY 5:
To promote a learning and improvement culture which responds to identified developments and actions

Strategic Links

Health and Wellbeing Board
 Children, Adults & Health Committee
 Safer & Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership
 Safeguarding Children's Board
 Partnership Against Domestic Abuse

1. Embed the process for managing and agreeing Safeguarding Adults Reviews (Priorities 1, 2 & 5)
2. Continuing implementation of relevant safeguarding policies and procedures, especially in respect of further Care Act guidance issued March 2016 and new categories of abuse (Priority 1)
3. Ensure the Board receives regular budget reports (Priority 1)
4. Further alignment including shared priorities in business plans between SAB and named strategic partners to better understand local needs and ensure links with Adult Safeguarding (Priority 1)
5. Remain sighted on changes to the Children's Safeguarding Board following the Children & Social Work Bill in order to understand the implications for SAB (Priority 1)
6. Assist in the induction and ongoing development of the role of the Board Business Manager (Priority 1)
7. Recruitment of new Board Chair (Priority 1)
8. Commission an external review of South Gloucestershire safeguarding processes (Priority 4)

9. Ensure the work of the Board and safeguarding services across all partner organisations are improved and shaped by the views of service users, carers and other stakeholders (Priorities 2 & 4)
10. Develop ways of communicating with harder to reach groups (Priority 2)
11. Assure the Board that key messages are disseminated to all relevant practitioners (Priorities 3 & 5)
12. Ensure Board Members are knowledgeable about current best practice, including new legislation and research, and lessons learnt through performance reporting and quality assurance processes, SARs and DHRs (Priorities 2, 4 & 5)
13. Undertake a self-assessment in preparation for a Peer review. (Priority 4)
14. Ensure Making Safeguarding Personal is fully embedded throughout SAB partnerships (Priority 2)
15. Ensure that the principles of the Mental Capacity Act underpin all Safeguarding activity (Priorities 2 & 4)

16. Develop preventative work with perpetrators in South Gloucestershire in order to identify gaps (Priority 5)
17. Set clear expectations about the levels and types of training and development that relevant workforces should complete, and communicate these to all agencies (Priorities 4 and 5)
18. Ensure the multi-agency training offer remains fit for purpose and make any necessary changes to improve the offer (Priorities 4 and 5)
19. Identify common themes for training with the Children's Safeguarding Board, and arrange shared learning and development where required (Priorities 4 and 5)
20. Ensure training and learning is accessible for local workforces, and offers a choice of methods and a range of quality-assured learning materials (Priorities 4 and 5)
21. Establish and ensure further links with service user groups/forums (Priority 2)
22. Board partners will present evidence of outcomes achieved for Adults At Risk as a result of Board Participation (Priorities 3 & 5)