



Social Care Services Board  
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## **Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014 - 2015**

**Purpose of the report:** Performance Management

The Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) produces an Annual Report which sets out what the Board has done to achieve its main objective and to implement its strategic plan. This is presented to the Board today, along with information on recent changes for the Board brought about by the Care Act .

### **Introduction:**

1. The 2014-15 Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report is attached at Annex A.
2. In April 2015 Safeguarding Adults Boards became statutory when the relevant sections of the Care Act 2014 were introduced.
3. In this reporting period (2014-2015), there was no statutory duty to produce an Annual Report, however, in all future years this will be statutory following the Care Act.
4. Members may wish to note the statutory guidance of the Care Act cites responsibilities for Local Authority members at sections 14.193 and 14.194 ( Annex B ).

### **Safeguarding adults responsibilities**

5. The SSAB helps and protects adults in Surrey who have care and support needs and who are experiencing, or are at risk of, abuse or neglect.
6. The Board ensures there are effective processes in place to prevent and respond to abuse and neglect, raises awareness of the importance of

safeguarding through publicity campaigns and has a multi-agency training programme in place to give staff the right skills to safeguard adults.

7. People who use services, Surrey's carers groups, disability groups and older people's groups are represented on the Board and it's sub-groups. This ensures the Board hears from people who have experienced safeguarding and from other User Led Organisations.
8. A full breakdown of the organisations who make up the membership of the Board can be found in Annex A, page 23.
9. The Board's key priorities are:
  - Achieving good outcomes for adults at risk and carers
  - Responding to reported abuse
  - Leadership
  - Safeguarding Adults Board (effectiveness of the Board)
  - Safeguarding Adults Reviews: Serious Case Reviews (SCR), Multi Agency Reviews (MAR) and Reviews undertaken by other Boards/Partnerships
  - Personalisation (making safeguarding more effective from the point of view of the person being safeguarding)
  - A Competent workforce
10. The SSAB was a voluntary arrangement during this reporting period. It has been in place in Surrey for more than 10 years and is chaired by a person who is independent of all agencies on the SSAB. SSAB has an Annual Strategic Plan and reports each year on the delivery of that plan. It has a number of sub-groups that lead on delivery of actions and all of these groups comprise a multi agency membership. These groups are set out in more detail in the Appendices of the Annual Report.

<b>Conclusions:</b>
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11. The next year will be one of significant development for the SSAB and for safeguarding adults.
12. The SSAB has been preparing for this important change for some time. In particular the SSAB will be seeking to raise its profile so its work is seen along side that of the Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board. It will be putting in place a pooled partnership budget to support joint responsibility and will be strengthening the support of the SSAB with a new position of Board Business Manager and a Quality Assurance Manager.

**Recommendations:**

13. It is recommended that the Board:
  - a) Notes the contents of the Annual Report and the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board over the past year.

**Next steps:**

14. The Annual Report will be made available to all member agencies of the Board and the public.

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**Sources/background papers:**

- Annex A – Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014-15
- Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2014-2015
- Care Act 2014: statutory guidance for implementation  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-2014-statutory-guidance-for-implementation>, Safeguarding – Section 7, pages 229 – 280
- Annex B - Details of responsibilities for elected members in relation to safeguarding adults.

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