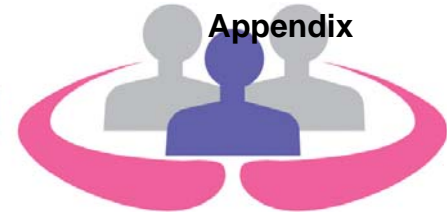


Sunderland Safeguarding
Adults Board



Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB)

**Colin Morris –
Independent Chair**



The SSAB provides the leadership for Safeguarding across the city and frames the activities of a range of organisations in order to ensure that there are effective interfaces between relevant bodies to safeguard everyone who may be considered to be at risk or in circumstances that may make them vulnerable

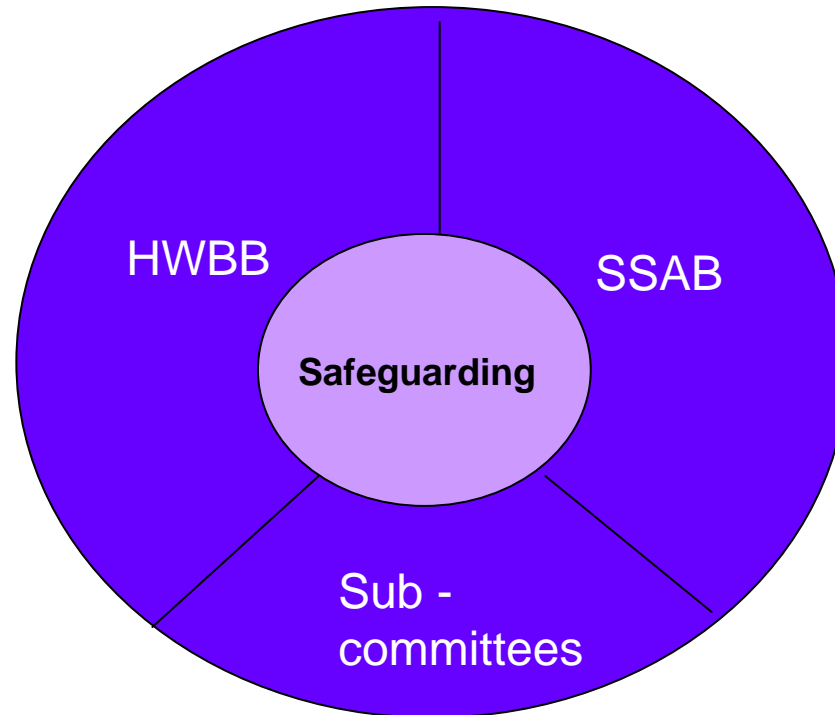
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The key aims of the SSAB are to:

- Develop and deliver a shared vision for Safeguarding Adults
- Develop and maintain strong links with relevant partnerships across the city
- Promote the active involvement of service users, their carers, their families and their advocates
- Oversee and monitor operational safeguarding adults activity
- Secure citywide consistency in safeguarding
- Secure effective operational engagement and integration
- Promote a learning culture around safeguarding

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Effective Safeguarding System



Significant Development

Introduction of centralised model for safeguarding through establishment of Safeguarding and Social Care Governance Team within Council

Benefits:

Improved consistency and co-ordination of safeguarding activity

Increased capacity across system

Streamlined and simplistic process



March 2014 – Peer Challenge

To provide an objective forward looking assessment of the ambitions and vision of the People's Directorate within the Council and the opportunities this presents for enhanced outcomes for vulnerable adults

To assess the current plans for safeguarding vulnerable adults and effectiveness of the newly developed model for adult safeguarding in the city



Strengths

Board Member relationships – mature and trusting
Evidence of impactful joint work across CCG and Council overseen by SSAB

Perception that new centralised model makes safeguarding a safer and easier process – clearly structured approach

Improved links between SSCB and SSAB allows better management of cross family cases



Strengths

Work has been progressed on SSAB Infrastructure (risk register, performance dashboard and delivery plan)

Providers experience appropriate training – clear channels of communication for referrals to come into the system

Awareness and understanding of MCA/DoLs is evidenced



Areas for Consideration

Memorandum of Understanding needed – clarify SSAB role with other Boards

Service User Engagement and Experience across safeguarding agenda

Partner funding is needed for SSAB – statutory role

Robust Case File Audit process feeding into SSAB is needed



Provider Market Risks should be reported to SSAB on regular basis

Undertake baseline audit of need in preparation for the Care Bill

Process for learning from audit reviews and case reviews

Embed and review understanding of the new safeguarding thresholds



Summary

The Council has a good platform to build upon and are innovative

Impressive partnerships through well respected relationships

Using performance data is critical for future improvements

A focus on delivering outcomes will achieve your vision

Embed changes and 'get the job done'



Issues for Consideration

Annual Reporting to HWBB from SSAB

Future Development Session with
HWBB on Safeguarding