



Warwickshire
Safeguarding
Adults Board

Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB)

Strategic Plan 2025 - 2028



Foreword from Independent Chair

I am pleased to present our Strategic Plan for the Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) for 2025 – 2028.

WSAB has a responsibility to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements are effective and that our partners work together to safeguard adults with care and support needs from experiencing or the risk of abuse and neglect. As chair of the WSAB I am keen to ensure that people who live and work locally in Warwickshire are clear about our vision and the important role the WSAB has to play in supporting an effective partnership response to abuse and neglect.

Safeguarding is everyone's business. We aim to empower our communities by helping people to understand what abuse and neglect is, how to report concerns and by supporting our workforce through clear and concise policy and procedures to respond to these concerns.

In all its activities the WSAB will promote equality of opportunity and aim to meet the diverse needs and wishes of adults at risk in the area. WSAB will seek to ensure there is a strong commitment to Making Safeguarding Personal across the partnership, and that the voice of the citizens of Warwickshire is present in the work of the Board and its constituent sub-groups.

This strategic plan is a statement of WSAB's vision and agreed strategic priorities over the next three years. It details how we will work as a partnership to keep people safe from abuse and neglect. Our strategic priorities will be delivered through our business plan which will be reviewed annually to ensure we are achieving the objectives we set out to achieve.

Elaine Coleridge Smith

Independent Chair

Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board



Who we are

Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under the Care Act 2014. Its purpose is to co-ordinate and ensure the effectiveness of what each of its members does to help protect adults in Warwickshire who meet the criteria for safeguarding as set out in the Care Act 2014, that is an adult who:

- has needs for care and support;
 - is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
 - as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.
- Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.



WSAB partnership consists of both statutory and non-statutory organisations. Members are senior leaders from organisations responsible for effective multi-agency practice, policy, and procedures to safeguard adults from abuse.

WSAB has an Independent Chair to enhance scrutiny and challenge and to hold to account the safeguarding partners.

In law, the statutory members of a SAB are defined as:

The local authority

The local police force

The Integrated Care Board (ICB)

In Warwickshire, we recognise the importance of the contribution made by all our partner agencies and this is reflected by the wider Board membership:

• Warwickshire County Council	• Warwickshire Police
• NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board	• Warwickshire District & Borough Councils
• Office of the Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	• The Care Quality Commission
• Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust (Provider)	• South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust (Provider)
• University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (Provider)	• George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust (Provider)
• West Midlands Ambulance Service (Provider)	• Warwickshire Equality and Inclusion Partnership (EqUIP)
• Healthwatch	• Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (CAVA)
• Age UK, Warwickshire	• Probation Services
• Citizen's Advice	• Warwick District Faith Forum
• Myton Hospice	• Change Grow Live
• VoiceAbility	• Compass Drug and Alcohol Service

Our duty

Our Statutory responsibility as outlined in Care Act 2014 is to:

- **Develop and publish a Strategic Plan, setting out how we will meet our objectives and how our members and partner agencies will contribute'.**
- **Publish an Annual Report detailing how effective our work has been.**
- **Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for cases where an adult dies or is seriously harmed as a result of abuse or neglect.**



Our purpose

Each Local Authority has a duty set out in Section 43 of the Care Act 2014, to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board. It has many responsibilities, but its main duty is to assure itself that all appropriate action is taken to prevent abuse and neglect, and ensure that the response is swift and proportionate when abuse or neglect does happen. It will achieve this by:

- **Overseeing and coordinating the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies**
- **Assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance**
- **Assuring itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused**
- **Working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible**
- **Ensuring agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred**
- **Assuring itself that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.**

How our strategy was developed

This strategy was developed by the Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board members following the recent separation of the safeguarding adult board and safeguarding children board functions. Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board now holds overall responsibility for the statutory duties for safeguarding adults.



Members made use of available data on local adult safeguarding activity, as well as considering the lessons learned from Safeguarding Adults Reviews and feedback on the recently launched Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) process. Our strategy is also guided by the [6 key principles of adult safeguarding](#) set out in the Care Act 2014.

The strategic plan will ensure everyone living and working in the county are clear about what we want to do and how we intend to make it happen.

Our Vision

“We will work with partners and communities to safeguard people’s right to live free from abuse and neglect, ensuring their views and wishes inform their safeguarding outcomes.”



We will achieve our Vision through the following core values:

Person-centred

- Ensuring safeguarding practice is person-centred, and outcome focused

Collaborative

- Working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible

Proportionate

- Ensuring agencies/individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect has occurred

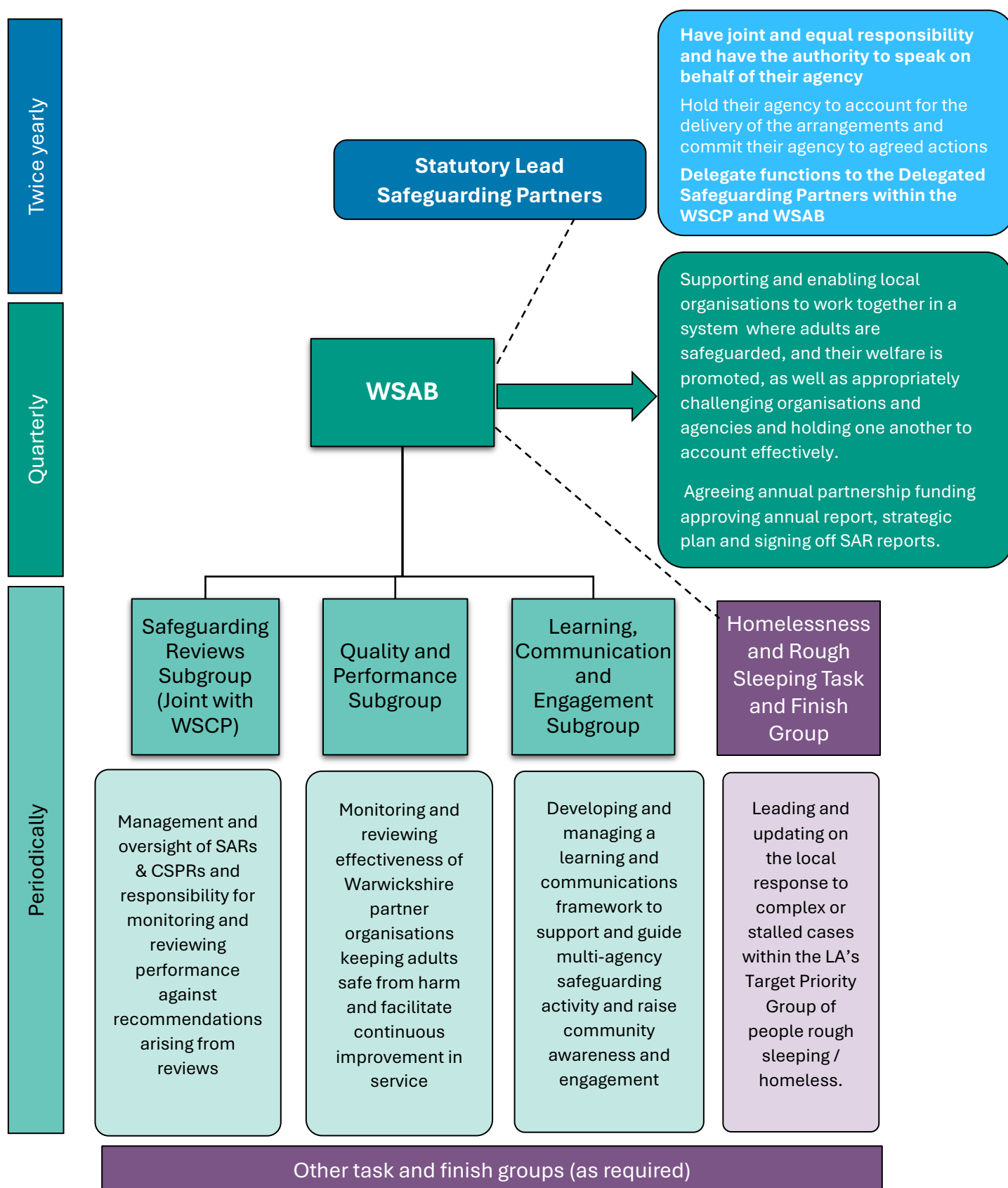
Evidence-based

- Ensuring safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults with care and support needs

Inclusive

- Including the voices of people with lived experience and carers to ensure their views influence policy and practice

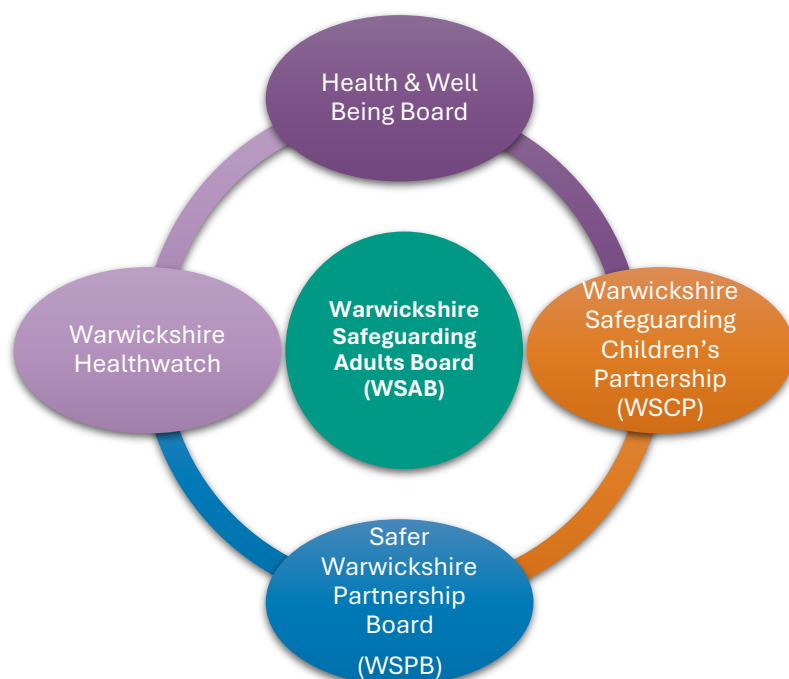
Our Governance



Our Strategic Links with other Partnerships

WSAB will operate alongside other strategic partnerships operating out of Warwickshire, ensuring safeguarding of adults remains a strategic priority.

Effective governance and accountability will be achieved through WSAB's members who are expected through their wider roles to carry forward the work of WSAB into related strategic partnerships and workstreams and to ensure effective links and communications.



Our Strategic Priorities for 2025 - 2028

Strategic Priority	Improve awareness and understanding of local safeguarding practice & services	Ensure safeguarding practice supports effective early intervention and prevention work	Make Safeguarding Person Centred & Outcome Focused
Objective	Strengthen community awareness and understanding of local safeguarding systems, building confidence in the identification and reporting of abuse or neglect and improving front door responses to concerns	Working together to ensure safeguarding practice supports effective early intervention and prevention work to keep adults free from harm of abuse and neglect in an environment where professionals can safely challenge and hold each other to account	Ensuring Making Safeguarding Personal conversations become an integral part of ALL professional contacts/interventions with individuals experiencing, or at risk of harm from abuse or neglect and supports the identification of their desired outcomes
Desired Outcome	People with care and support needs understand, to the best of their ability, what abuse is, how to report it and how to keep themselves safe	The workforce understand and fulfil their roles and responsibilities, leading to improvements in multi-agency working and outcomes for adults who are safeguarded	Safeguarding outcomes are defined by individuals (or their representatives) and they are involved in understanding and responding to acceptable levels of risk

These strategic priorities will shape the focus of WSAB's work for the next three years and will be underpinned by annual Business Plans.

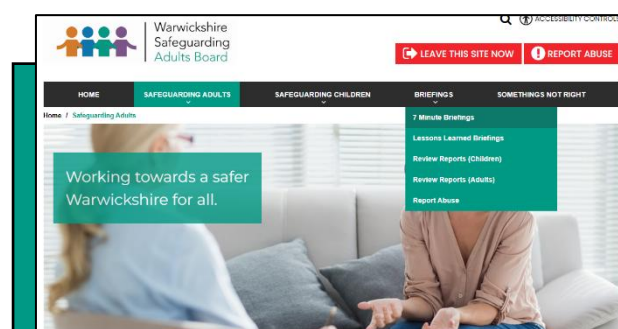
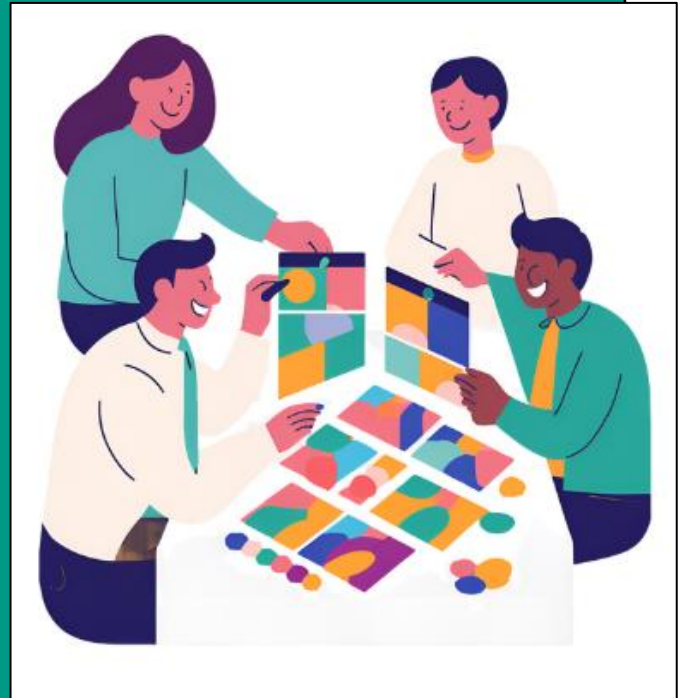
The strategic plan will be reviewed every year to ensure we still have the right focus based on local data and intelligence, as well as, considering any regional/national concerns.

The Business Plans will be delivered through the work of the two main subgroups:

- **Quality & Performance Subgroup; and**
- **Learning, Communications & Engagement Subgroup.**

Progress will be reported to and monitored at WSAB meetings on a regular basis throughout the year.

Each year we will publish an Annual Report which will detail the activity undertaken by WSAB partners in that year in relation to the Business Plans.



For further information about the work of Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board, visit our website:

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