

Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board

Strategic Plan 2022 to 2025



November 2022

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD - STATUTORY DUTIES

The Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) must:

- Publish a **strategic plan** that sets out how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this.
- Publish an **annual report** detailing what the board has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy, as well as detailing the findings of any safeguarding adults reviews and subsequent action.
- Conduct any **safeguarding adults review** in accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act.

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

- Annual reports set out our key achievements
- Committed executive membership
- Working group structure
- Training offer
- Open forums
- Quality assurance
- Relationship with wider partnerships, such as CSP

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

Legal Duties

Regulatory frameworks

Covid response and legacy

Cost of Living

Demand pressures

Workforce challenges

OUR VISION

“Protect and prevent adults with care and support needs from the risk of abuse, or neglect; supporting and promoting their wellbeing, with all partners working together effectively, ensuring that the safeguarding system is always improving through learning”

APPROACH TO PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Three lines of defence

- Operational
- Board/system
- Independent assurance

No supprises

PRIORITY ONE - PROMOTING PERSON CENTRED SAFEGUARDING

Raise awareness of adult safeguarding to ensure that people understand what abuse is, how to recognise signs and how to seek help.

Enable residents of Kent and Medway to voice their opinions on the work of the Board.

Ensure the voice of the person (or their representative) who has been involved in our safeguarding system is heard in respect of their safeguarding experience.

Seek assurance that each partner agency's workforce demonstrates 'professional curiosity' and has processes in place to allow them to reflect on their practice and receive appropriate supervision.

PRIORITY TWO- STRENGTHEN SYSTEM ASSURANCE

- Establish a mechanism to identify system issues and risks to provide assurance to Kent and Medway residents that effective safeguarding arrangements are in place.
- Improving public understanding of the roles and responsibilities of partners.
- Improving interagency understanding of the roles and responsibilities of other partner organisations.
- Assurance that agencies are delivering their respective responsibilities to safeguard people.
- Ensure effective Board to Board/Partnership arrangements.
- Ensure effective functioning Board with appropriate support structures.

PRIORITY THREE — EMBED IMPROVEMENT AND SHAPE FUTURE PRACTICE

- The voice of the person is listened to and there is evidence their wishes are respected.
- Learn from experience and have a workforce that is knowledgeable and confident in the application of their safeguarding adults' roles and responsibilities.
- Develop the right balance between support and challenge aimed at system improvement.
- Partners will be able to contribute to safeguarding at regional and national level.

Awareness Raising

Domestic Homicide Reviews

Shared Learning Events

Shared Priorities

Partner updates

Joint Exploitation Working Group

RELATIONSHIP
WITH
COMMUNITY
SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

