



SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

STRATEGIC PLAN

2024-2027

Safeguarding Adult Board Chair's Introduction

As Chair of the **Safeguarding Adults Board**, I am proud to present this **Strategic Plan 2024-2027**.

This **Strategic Plan** outlines our collective partnership vision, providing clear direction, leadership and support, alongside seeking assurance of safeguarding arrangements to ensure *people feel safe and are safe across our communities*, specifically those adults who are vulnerable of experiencing abuse or neglect.

The priorities and strategic direction within this plan have been created in collaboration with key system partners – and we will strive to ensure the actions we deliver are meaningful, targeted and evidence-based, underpinned by a detailed understanding of both data, feedback, reflection and learning.

The **Safeguarding Adults Board** will commit to an approach of unwavering strategic and operational leadership and connectivity. As a Board we will seek to continually assure ourselves that the activity we undertake is making a difference to our communities, listening to the voice and lived experiences of those we work with, to keep people safe. This relentless engagement with our communities will support us to translate this plan into meaningful outcomes, enhancing the safety, resilience and wider well-being of all adults across North East Lincolnshire.

Together, as a partnership we will strive to make a real difference in the lives of adults at risk of abuse or neglect across our communities, ensuring they receive the protection and support they deserve.

You can find out more about Safeguarding arrangements across **North East Lincolnshire** by visiting our dedicated website www.safernel.co.uk

Paul French

Chief Superintendent – Humberside Police



What is the Safeguarding Adults Board?

The North East Lincolnshire **Safeguarding Adults Board NELSAB** is a partnership of agencies in North East Lincolnshire who include:

- North East Lincolnshire Council
- NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)
- Humberside Police
- The National Probation Service
- Humberside Fire and Rescue Service
- East Midlands Ambulance Service
- Focus Independent Adult Social Work Community Interest Company
- Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust
- NAViGO Health and Social Care Community Interest Company
- The Care Plus Group
- Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire
- And representatives of service providers and the voluntary sector

What does the NELSAB do?

The NEL **Safeguarding Adult Board** is a statutory requirement for all Local Authorities under Sections 42-46 of the Care Act.

‘The SAB has a strategic role that is greater than the sum of the operational duties of the core partners.’

The main objective of the SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help protect adults in its area who:

- have needs for care and support (whether or not NEL is meeting any of those needs)
- are experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect
- and as a result of those care and support needs, are unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect (Sec 14.2 statutory guidance)

People that fall into this category are referred to as ‘adults at risk’.

Our Strategic Plan sets out:

Our vision - This ensures we remained focused on the outcomes we want to achieve for the people of North East Lincolnshire and details our aims and objectives to achieve this.

Our Vision:

Our vision is that all people in NEL feel safe and are safe, but specifically for those adults with care and support needs within our community, who are at risk of experiencing abuse and / or neglect. Ensuring that the adult at risk’s voice is heard and remains at the heart of everything we do and ensuring the message that *‘safeguarding is everybody’s responsibility’* remains at forefront of our approach.

What are our Strategic Priorities and how will we achieve these?



In consultation with key partners – the **Safeguarding Adults Board** has agreed the following overarching 6 **key priorities**

Provide assurance to our community that services are safe, by having evidenced based guidance and being clear about our expectations.

Ensure our multi-agency procedures are current, explicit, and embedded in practice. That these are reviewed regularly, adhere to national guidance and improved upon when necessary.

Scrutinising and seeking assurances from services.

Our Scrutiny and Assurance group are responsible for ensuring we have robust action plans and monitor delivery against these. A comprehensive audit programme and multi-agency safeguarding data which identifies themes and trends, will also be used to inform and improve practice.

Ensuring the voice of adults at risk is central to everything we do.

Co-production and involvement of adults and/or their representatives in shaping the work of the **NELSAB** is critical. Including harnessing VCSE and providers on the **NELSAB** to connect and engage, ensuring 'Making safeguarding Personal' is embedded.

Developing close working relationships between agencies to ensure that the needs of adults at risk are the priority.

Our Adults at Risk subgroup ensure our High-Risk Panel and Operational Risk Management Meetings are effective through audit and seek new ways to work with those individuals with complex and chaotic lifestyles.

Ensuring the whole partnership has a culture of continual learning, that is embedded within practice and is evidenced based.

Our Safeguarding Adult Review sub group will ensure that the learning from both mandatory and discretionary SARs and multiagency learning is shared across the whole partnership.

Seek continual service improvement in order that the NELSAB maintains the trust of our community and the support of services who serve it.

The **NELSAB** will hold its own members to account displaying challenge, professional curiosity, seek innovation and assurance from its members and those organisations aligned to it.

How we will measure our success?

The **NELSAB** action plan will be reviewed routinely and will incorporate activities from the key subgroups. These actions will be linked to the priorities listed in this Strategic Plan. Intern, updates and progress will be tracked through a range of sub-group reports, quality assurance presentations, empowered by data and insights, alongside listening to the voice of both our operational staff and those who access our services. Specific 'task and finish groups' may be commissioned by the **NELSAB** as necessary.

Our annual report will focus on the impact of services in meeting the key priority objectives identified in this Strategic Plan above.



Our Structure



