

The Care Act 2014 brings a statutory requirement for each local authority to set up a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). The main objective of a SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place and that partners act to help and protect adults in its area who meet the criteria under the act.

#### Duties

The Board has three core duties under the Care Act 2014.

#### We must:

- publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets out how it will meet its main objectives and what the members will do to achieve this
- . publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objectives and implement its strategic plan
- . conduct any safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) in accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act 2014

#### Objectives

Our objectives are to:

- ensure there is a working agreement/understanding across all agencies in respect of operational definitions and thresholds in respect of adults at risk of harm
- ensure adequate/appropriate funding agreements are in place as per the national guidance for each agency
- identify and allocate resources for the SAB and sub groups
- commission and approve an annual business plan and monitor its progress based upon government direction
- identify multi agency information requirements in respect of performance management information
- develop an accountability framework
- ensure the SAB strategy is implemented within each agency
- commission projects/work for the SAB sub groups
- scrutinise and monitor the work of the sub groups
- raise awareness within the wider community of the need to safeguard vulnerable adults and promote their welfare

#### Safeguarding adults means:

- Protecting people's rights to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect
- People and organisations working together to prevent the risk of abuse or neglect, and to stop it from happening
- Making sure people's wellbeing is promoted, taking their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs into account

An adult at risk is defined by The Care Act 2014 as a person who:

- Has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs);
- Is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
- As a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

### **Reporting Safeguarding Concerns**

If you have a concern about the safety or welfare of a vulnerable adult in North Tyneside, please complete our online reporting forms. There are separate forms for:-

- Public reporting
- Provider reporting



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# Services

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## Things to do

No Activities



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