Our role is to help and safeguard adults with care and support needs by:

- Seeking assurance that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined in the Care Act.
- Assuring that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome focused.
- Working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible.
- Ensuring that agencies and individuals work in a timely and proportionate manner where abuse or neglect has occurred.
- Seeking assurance that safeguarding practice is continually improving.
- Concerning ourselves with a range of issues which may impact on people with care and support needs.

Our Structure:

- Board with an Independent Chair
- Safeguarding Adult Reviews Standing Panel
- Quality & Excellence Sub-Group/Prevention Sub Group
- Themed Task & Finish Groups

Our Responsibilities:

- Publish Strategic Plan: our 1-year ambition.
- Publish Bi-Annual/Annual Report which includes what we have achieved.
- Complete Safeguarding Adults Reviews when adults die or are seriously injured as a result of abuse/neglect.

Strategic Priority 1
Listening to the voices of people who use services and front-line practitioners

Ambition: That we promote co-produced solutions and work in partnership with adults with care and support need and their families and support, enable and promote what good looks like in Safeguarding.

Strategic Priority 2
Develop more inclusive Performance Data

Ambition: To develop an assurance framework, audit programme and narrative that provides robust assurance to the partnership that adults with care and support needs in Sandwell are safe. Use key information and activity to identify future priorities.

Strategic Priority 3
Embedding learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews

Ambition: recommendations from Safeguarding Adult Reviews commissioned are meaningful and achievable and are a lever for positive change.

Strategic Priority 4
Board Governance

Ambition: SSAB membership continues to be made up of senior members who can make decisions on behalf of their organisations and the partnership. Board governance continues to be managed by key and statutory partners and the SSAB Independent Chair and a revised governance document has been written (Board Members Handbook) to reflect this.

Our Strategic Plan 2022—2024: What we will do

We will continue to work on our website to ensure it is accessible and contains the information people want.	Understand what is happening in care homes provision in Sandwell as a priority those homes that have no CQC rating. Hear about peoples experience who live there and hear from employees who work there. Project plan to be developed.	Safeguarding Adult Review action plans will be developed in partnership using a task and finish approach and agencies will be held to account for their actions.	Seek assurance around the Health and Social Care—Integrated Care systems and how we are working together effectively to minimise duplication and maximise opportunity.
Continue to involve and engage with citizens and partners maximising opportunities using existing systems and link to specific workstreams.	Undertake a baseline audit with partners using the care act compliance audit tool in September 2022. Update SSAB on progress and establish a challenge event in the spring of 2023.	The embedding learning multi-agency task and finish group (this is an across the system group) will undertake audit activity to ensure learning and changes are being made.	SSAB will work with other statutory boards to agree key priorities and who will lead on them.
Undertake work using a multi-agency Task & Finish approach exploring the effectiveness of the current Safeguarding Pathway in Sandwell outlining areas for improvement and recommending alternative models.		Progress and difference made will be reported to SSAB as a standing item.	Set clear project plans for all activity and ensure outcomes of domestic abuse and adults with needs for care and support task & finish group and the learning disability and autism advisory group are appropriately reported.