

The Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) became statutory in 2015 under the [Care Act \(2014\)](#)

One of the responsibilities of the SSAB is to undertake [Safeguarding Adult Reviews](#)

The SSAB has three statutory partners that the [Care Act \(2014\)](#) says must be members:

- [Somerset Council](#)
- [NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board*](#)
- [Avon & Somerset Constabulary](#)

Other key organisations that work with adults in Somerset also have a representative on the SSAB.

[All our members are listed on our website](#)



571,600 people lived in Somerset at the time of the 2021 Census (Source: 2021 Census)



An estimated 141,900 are aged 65 and over (Source: 2021 Census)



2061 safeguarding concerns were raised with [Somerset Council](#)



This led to 604 safeguarding enquiries under [Section 42 of the Care Act \(2014\)](#)

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The most common [risk type](#) was Neglect and Acts of Omission which accounted for 20% of risks



The most common location where people were identified as being at risk was their own home (57%)



Most people were at risk of abuse or neglect from someone that they knew



Mental Capacity Act 2005

In 89 cases the adult at risk was assessed as lacking capacity to make decisions related to the safeguarding enquiry



The majority of people (97%), or their representative, were asked what they desired



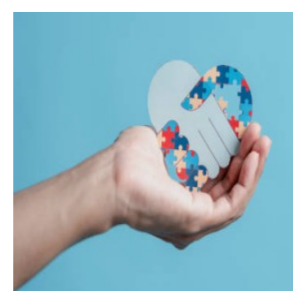
In 95% of cases where desired outcomes were stated they were either partially or fully achieved



In 97% of cases the risk was removed or reduced.



We conducted a SSAB Effectiveness Survey, which demonstrated our strengths and area for development.



The SSAB had a Development Day to engage with members and agree priorities. This contributed to the [SSAB Strategic Plan](#).



We updated our guidance and commenced monthly Safeguarding Adults Practice Updates. We conducted safeguarding awareness for microproviders and supported the Stop Adult Abuse Week.



We have worked with other SABs in the region to undertake a joint audit self-assessment.



We continued to see people using our [website](#), and engaging with us using [social media](#)



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