

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 County Council](#)
- [NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group](#)
- [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](#)



An estimated 562,225 people live in Somerset (Source: [Somerset Intelligence](#))



An estimated 139,913 are aged 65 and over (Source: [Somerset Intelligence](#))



2766 safeguarding concerns were raised with [Somerset County Council](#)



This led to 832 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 27% of risks



The most common location where people were identified as being at risk was their own home (47%)



Mental Capacity Act 2005

In 393 cases the adult at risk was assessed as lacking capacity to make decisions related to the safeguarding enquiry



The majority of people (96%), or their representative, were asked what their desired outcomes were



In 99.7% 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 published two Safeguarding Adult Reviews this year



'Luke'  
Safeguarding Adults Review:  
Final Report

'[Luke](#)' had a long history of neglecting his own health and well-being before moving to a care home where he continued to neglect himself and developed a diabetic foot ulcer



Safeguarding Adults Review  
Extension: Final Report

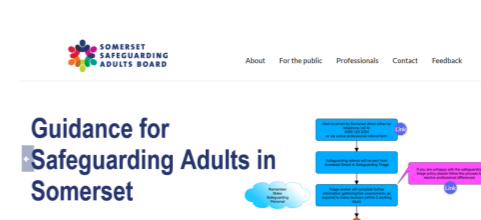
'[Damien](#)' had a long history of contact with mental health services. He misused a variety of substances, and his vulnerability was exploited by others.



We published a range of [safeguarding leaflets](#) for the public and new guidance on [Safeguarding and Medicines Management](#) and [Organisational Abuse](#)



Due to the impact of the pandemic we did not carry out an audit this year. We have worked with other SABs in the region to develop a joint one for 2021



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



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