

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](#)



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



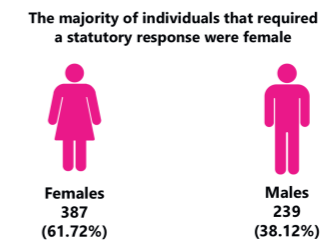
An estimated 141,900 are aged 65 and over (Source: 2021 Census)



2265 safeguarding concerns were raised with [Somerset County Council](#)



This led to 627 safeguarding enquiries under [Section 42 of the Care Act \(2014\)](#)



The majority of people that required an enquiry under [Section 42 of the Care Act \(2014\)](#) were female



The most common [risk type](#) was Neglect and Acts of Omission which accounted for 26% of risks



The most common location where people were identified as being at risk was their own home (52%)



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



Mental Capacity Act 2005

In 167 cases the adult at risk was assessed as lacking capacity to make decisions related to the safeguarding enquiry



The majority of people (94%), or their representative, were asked what their desired outcomes were



In 99% of cases where desired outcomes were stated they were either partially or fully achieved



In 93% of cases the risk was removed or reduced.



We published one Safeguarding Adult Review this year



'Matthew'  
Safeguarding Adults Review:  
Final Report

'[Matthew](#)' had serious health conditions, but neglected his own health and wellbeing. He was due to be admitted to a community hospital but changed his mind at the last minute



We published an animation called '[Tricky Friends](#)' and a leaflet about [Mate Crime](#), guidance on [disclosures of non-recent abuse](#) and a webinar on [professional curiosity](#)



We have worked with other SABs in the region to develop and undertake a joint audit which we coordinated



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



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\* On 01/07/2022 NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group was replaced by the Somerset Integrated Care Board