

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)



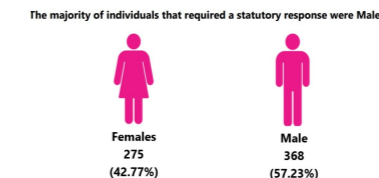
An estimated 141,900 are aged 65 and over (Source: 2021 Census)



2184 safeguarding concerns were raised with [Somerset Council](#)



This led to 643 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 male



The most common [risk type](#) was Neglect and Acts of Omission which accounted for 25% of risks



The most common location where people were identified as being at risk was their own home (53%)



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



Mental Capacity Act 2005

In 113 cases the adult at risk was assessed as lacking capacity to make decisions related to the safeguarding enquiry



The majority of people (90%), or their representative, were asked what their



In 100% of cases where desired outcomes were stated they were either partially or fully achieved



In 92% of cases the risk was removed or reduced.



We published two Safeguarding Adult Reviews, a Practice Briefing and a Death Review this year



'[Robert](#)' had self-neglected in the two years prior to his death, organisations were attempting to support him and highlights the difficulties.

'[Susan](#)' had a significant health condition that required daily medication, and concerns were identified with the way organisations worked together to safeguard her.



We updated our guidance [leaflets](#) and presented a [conference](#) with the Theme of 'Making Safeguarding Personal' We also gave a webinar on [Elder Abuse](#)



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