



**Essex Safeguarding  
Adults Board**

# **Our Safeguarding Strategy 2021-2024**

## **Our Vision**

Essex Safeguarding Adults Board (ESAB) will work in partnership and collaborate to ensure that adults at risk of abuse and neglect are able to live safely, with the rights and freedoms of citizenship.

## **Our Mission**

ESAB will work together to seek and gain assurance, through effective and transparent processes, to ensure that adults at risk of abuse or neglect are supported to live safe lives through delivering against the priorities of prevention, learning, awareness and quality, and holding each other accountable.

## **Our Priorities**

### **Priority 1 – Prevention & Awareness**

We will improve the awareness of adults at risk within and across our communities and partner agencies, and we will work to prevent abuse and neglect.

### **Priority 2 – Learning**

We will be open and transparent, sharing lessons learned from safeguarding practice and promote the development of an up to date, competent and skilled shared workforce.

### **Priority 3 – Quality**

We will assure our own work, learn from experience, and set up processes to give insight into our ongoing commitment to continuously improve safeguarding practices.

## **PRIORITY 1**

### **PREVENTION & AWARENESS**

**'I want to live safely, I know what abuse is, and I know how to get help'**

**WE WILL: work to prevent abuse and neglect and we will improve the awareness of adults at risk within and across our communities and partner agencies**

#### **Our Objectives**

1. We will seek assurance that all agencies are clear about their obligations to deliver adult safeguarding activity which prevents abuse, crime, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation.
2. We will seek assurance that agency obligations are supported by clear processes which directly support the Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) Multi- Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy & Procedures, as a model of good practice.
3. We will work with each other and collaborate, to maximise our multi-agency practice to reduce risk and improve lives.
4. We will raise public awareness about and for adults at risk; what can be done to help; how communities can raise concerns and how the work of the Board is vital for planning; assurance, oversight, transparency and accountability.
5. We will ensure that the voices of adults at risk are sought, heard, listened to and acted upon, and that we engage with local communities ensuring we are transparent about what we are saying we are going to do and how we will measure it.

## **PRIORITY 2**

### **LEARNING**

**‘I am confident in the people who help me and they are confident in how to effectively safeguard’**

**WE WILL: learn from our experience and share our learning to enable professional competence**

#### **Our Objectives**

1. We will seek assurance that all statutory agencies have training in place to deliver their adult safeguarding obligations to prevent abuse, crime, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation.
2. We will seek assurance that agency training is aligned with and SET Multi- Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy & Procedures, and local and national learning.
3. We will ensure that having sought the voices of adults, that a positive impact is made on training, learning and development.
4. We will share lessons learned from Safeguarding Adult Reviews and hold agencies accountable.

## Priority 3

### Quality

'I am confident that the people will work with me and with each other, to achieve my outcomes'

**WE WILL: assure our work and continuously improve our safeguarding practice**

1. We will ensure that agencies are accountable for quality outcomes in their practices
2. We will ask for feedback and learn from people's experiences and put that learning into practice.
3. We will ensure that our performance is reviewed and evaluated.
4. We will ensure that partners measure and evaluate their own safeguarding activity and share that information with our Board.
5. We will work to ensure that safeguarding practice is lawfully compliant and practice is made personal at every opportunity.