



# Annual Report Summary: 2018/19

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](#)



555,195 people live in Somerset



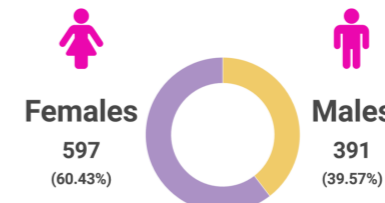
125,000 are aged 65 and over



3198 safeguarding concerns were raised with [Somerset County Council](#)



This led to 1148 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 33% of risks



The most common location where people were identified as being at risk was their own home (38%)



Mental Capacity Act 2005

In 561 cases the adult at risk was assessed as lacking capacity to make decisions related to the safeguarding enquiry



The majority of people (95%), 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 97% of cases the risk was removed or reduced.



As of March 2019, 92.5% of Somerset's regulated settings were good or better, in comparison to 83.5% nationally

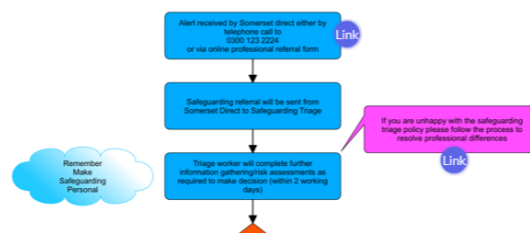


We didn't publish any Safeguarding Adult Reviews this year



Safeguarding Adults Review  
MENDIP HOUSE  
Margaret Flynn  
January 2018

We followed up on the recommendations of the [Mendip House Safeguarding Adults Review](#), published in February 2018



We published new on-line [Guidance for Safeguarding Adults In Somerset](#) for anyone to use



We introduced a new peer challenge element to our annual self-audit process and [Healthwatch Somerset reviewed feedback processes](#)



We saw significant growth in people using our [web-site](#), and engaging with us using [social media](#)



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