

SSAB Annual Report - Points to Consider for the Scrutiny Committee

Michael Preston-Shoot joined the SSAB in Jan 2023 and has brought his immense knowledge to the Board.

The Annual Report details the statistics for the year, but of note is that there has been a decrease in the number of safeguarding concerns and 4 were reported by the individuals themselves. The SSAB is planning a publicity campaign to take place in November to highlight safeguarding adults and encourage those who are experiencing neglect and abuse to contact ASC.

The most common type of abuse was neglect and acts of omission with the most common location for being at risk continuing to be a person's own home.

The SSAB conducted an effectiveness survey to benchmark where we feel we are, which has been used to develop our strategic plan, for which there is link in the report.

The Board had a very productive development day, which we used to discuss the priorities for the forthcoming and subsequent 2 years. We have a very relevant plan for which many areas are already being addressed through subgroups and task and finish groups.

Members may wish to note the priorities in the Strategic Plan: Community Engagement; Understand and Manage Self-neglect; Promotion of the SSAB and Transitional Safeguarding and Exploitation.

We now have a very active Safeguarding Adults Board in Somerset, with members who are proactive and enthusiastic in taking forward our aims.