

16 November 2021

**Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership  
Annual Report 2020-21  
Covering Brief for: Cabinet  
Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday 08 December 2021**

**Purpose of agenda item:**

It is a statutory requirement, under the Care Act 2014, for each Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) to produce and publish an Annual Report.

It is also a requirement for each SAB to present their Annual Report to their Health and Wellbeing Board(s).

As in previous years, the TDSAP also presents the Annual Report to Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.

This Annual Report was presented to the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board on 28 October 2021 and to the Devon Health and Adult Care Scrutiny on 11 November 2021. In Torbay, the report will go before the Torbay Health and Wellbeing Board on 09 December 2021.

More detailed information about the work of the TDSAP is available on the TDSAP website: [Home - Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership](#)

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The full annual report summarises TDSAP safeguarding activity undertaken throughout 2020-21.
- 1.2 As in previous years, we have attempted to ensure that the 2020-21 Annual Report is concise, informative and provides a level of information to enable readers to fully understand the work of the partnership during a very difficult year for all concerned.
- 1.3 The Annual Report will be published on the TDSAP website, alongside full details of Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs), which we have published during this and previous years.
- 1.4 Work is currently underway to produce easy read versions of the Annual Report and this is being completed in partnership with our Community Reference Subgroup.

## **2. Safeguarding Adults Partnership - Background**

- 2.1. The TDSAP is the strategic lead body for safeguarding, with an overriding objective to prevent and reduce the risk of significant harm to adults with care and support needs, from abuse or other types of harm or exploitation.
- 2.2 The former Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership and Torbay Safeguarding Adults Board merged in December 2020, therefore creating a new joint Torbay & Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership (TDSAP).
- 2.3 The TDSAP is completely independent, with an independent chair, Paul Northcott. Paul was appointed to the role in December 2020.
- 2.4 The TDSAP is the collective name for the partners that work with the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) to safeguard adults across Torbay and Devon.
- 2.5 The TDSAP acts as the key mechanism for agreeing how these agencies work together to safeguard and promote the safety and wellbeing of adults at risk and/or in vulnerable situations. It does this by co-ordinating what each of the TDSAP partners does and makes sure that they do it effectively.

## **3. Legislative Context**

- 3.1 The Care Act 2014 requires that local authorities hold the lead responsibilities for safeguarding adults. The TDSAP acts as the strategic mechanism for ensuring that all partners work together successfully.
- 3.2 The Care Act 2014 sets out that there are 3 key statutory requirements for the Partnership:
  - 3.2.1 To deliver and publish an Annual Report
  - 3.2.2 To ensure that the Partnership appropriately conducts Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)
  - 3.2.3 To develop and publish a Strategic Business Plan

## **4. Summary and Moving Forward**

- 4.1 The period covered by the report ends on 31 March 2021. Covid-19 has had an impact on the work of the partnership, it has brought many challenges, though despite these additional pressures, all partners have continued to work effectively together and responded well when being held to account by the TDSAP. Partners have shown continuous commitment to our key strategic areas and provided a good level of assurance throughout the year.
- 4.2 As mentioned in 3.2.3, the TDSAP is required to produce a Strategic Business Plan.
- 4.3 The plan for 2021–2024 has been developed and published on our website. Here is a link: [Strategic Business Plan 2021-2024 - Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership](#)