

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](#)



An estimated 559,400 people live in Somerset (Source: [Somerset Intelligence](#))



An estimated 136,900 are aged 65 and over (Source: [Somerset Intelligence](#))



3038 safeguarding concerns were raised with [Somerset County Council](#)



This led to 1144 safeguarding enquiries under [Section 42 of the Care Act \(2014\)](#)



Females
570
(57.69%)

The majority of people that required an enquiry under [Section 42 of the Care Act \(2014\)](#) were female



Males
418
(42.31%)



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 (37%)



Mental Capacity Act 2005

In 571 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



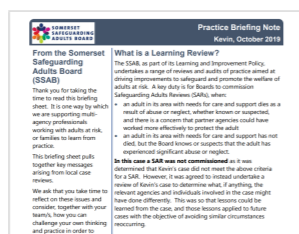
In 95% of cases the risk was removed or reduced.



As of March 2020, 88.64% of Somerset's regulated settings were good or better, in comparison to 86.21% nationally



We didn't publish any Safeguarding Adult Reviews this year



We published a practice briefing for '[Kevin](#)', and published new guidance on '[What to do if it's not Safeguarding](#)' as a result of the learning from this case



We updated our [Joint Safeguarding Adults Multi-Agency Policy](#) and [Self-neglect practice guidance](#), and published [People in a Position of Trust](#)



We once again carried out annual self-audit process



We continued to see growth in people using our [website](#), and engaging with us using [social media](#)



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