

Job Title: Independent Chair Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board

Reports to: Chief Executive

Directorate: Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care

Service: Adults Social Care

Grade: Paid on a consultancy basis. The daily rate will be competitive.

Date: May 2022

Role Purpose

The Chair of Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board provides leadership to the Board to meet its statutory functions under the Care Act 2014, which are:

- co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of what each of its members does to help and protect adults in Surrey who have care and support needs and who are experiencing or at risk of abuse.
- to publish for each financial year a Strategic Plan.
- to publish at the end of each financial year an Annual Report; and
- to arrange for a Safeguarding Adults Review under s44 Care Act 2014 when necessary

The Chair will support the Board to help and protect adults in Surrey who have care and support needs and who are experiencing or at risk of abuse and/or neglect, by supporting the Board to make ongoing improvements to

- the cultures, systems, and processes within and between organisations and communities in Surrey that can help prevent the risk of abuse and neglect of adults with care and support needs; and
- the work members of the Board, and others with a relevant role, do to respond to situations where adults in Surrey who have care and support needs experience, or are at risk of, abuse or neglect.

Specific Role Accountabilities

As Chair and spokesperson of the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board, provide a strategic vision, leadership, scrutiny and challenge to Board members and partners to ensure that those involved in preventing and responding to abuse and neglect of adults in Surrey who have care and support needs are effective in the provision of their services. Ensure robust governance arrangements and due diligence are in place and promote the adult safeguarding agenda through constructive connections and engagement with partners.

The Chair will take a leadership role in supporting members of the Board, and subgroups to complete tasks in accordance with statutory duties under the Care Act 2014 and other relevant legislation, whilst ensuring that all partners provide assurance and are accountable. The role will be the strategic link to the Local Authority Chief Executive and DASS ensuring they are kept up to date with the Board's activities. The Chair will also act as a link to regional and national groups.

The Chair will lead on the production and publication of the strategic plan and annual report and monitor the implementation of the plan. The Chair will also ensure that policies, processes and protocols are in place whilst keeping up to date with good practice and act upon developments in national policy, case law and research.

The Chair will ensure that effective links exist between the Safeguarding Adults Board and other Boards with related agendas including Safeguarding Children's Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board, Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board, Community Safety Partnerships and other local strategic partnerships.

The Safeguarding Adults Board Chair is required to champion and promote the prevention of abuse and neglect to adults with care and support needs across all relevant agencies and ensure that the voice of these adults and their families are heard and acted upon. The Chair will ensure that the principles of "Making Safeguarding Personal" are embedded throughout all the work of the Board.

The Chair will take an active role in Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) by ensuring guidance and processes are followed and that the outcomes of SARs inform training plans and that the learning is widely shared.

The Chair will take forward any other actions as may be jointly agreed from time to time as necessary

Dimensions

The status of the Chair of Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board for tax purposes is that of an Office Holder

Financial

The Chair will oversee, and will routinely report (or delegate the reporting) to the Board on, the budget of Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board

Non-Financial

Surrey County Council hosts as its employees the support staff of Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board. The Chair offers these staff direction and guidance but not line management.

Knowledge, Qualifications, Skills and Experience

- Degree level or equivalent qualification plus substantial senior management experience in a complex business environment.
- Extensive adult safeguarding experience
- Knowledge and understanding of relevant legalisation and statutory duties
- Membership of appropriate professional body or evidence of continuing professional development (CPD) is desirable.
- Deep knowledge of concepts, principles and practices gained through extensive experience and development in a specific field.
- Authoritative insight into the relationship between different fields.
- Extensive knowledge of the issues facing local government and the wider economy and how they impact relevant service areas.
- Able to provide visible and supportive leadership and deliver organisational change with the passion and drive to take the services to the next level.
- Authoritative and influential with highly developed relationship management and networking skills, and the ability to foster joint working across service and organisational boundaries for the benefit of residents and communities in Surrey.
- Excellent conceptual and analytical thinker able to apply a significant degree of evaluative judgement and provide innovative solutions.
- Able to embed a culture of value for money to meet strategic priorities.
- Political sensitivity with an ability to make progress in complex policy areas and a strong belief in the value of local democracy and accountability.

Other requirements

DBS required