

A welcome note from the SSAB Executive

Change is always a time for great opportunity and currently in Surrey we are looking to take this forward with the recruitment of a new Independent Chair for the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB)

We have an exciting and ambitious agenda to deliver in Surrey with ensuring the collaborative work we do protecting those adults who have care and support needs are met, and where the combined tireless efforts of many partners enable them to live fulfilled lives free from fear and abuse and neglect continues despite the challenges faced by the public sector as a whole.

We are at a pivotal moment in time of unprecedented change with the health and social care levy as well as the adults social care reform bill shaping the **HOW** and **WHAT** of the work we do. To move forward successfully and safely in the adult safeguarding space, the collaborative efforts of our key partnerships have never been more critical and so in turn the accountability of our decisions too.

To help us deliver against our ambitious adult safeguarding agenda we are looking for an Independent Chair for SSAB to lead and support our efforts to keep adults with care and support needs across Surrey safe and ensuring all members of the Board are focussed and committed to the role they must play within this.

SSAB provides critical insight and reflection ensuring that we as members understand ourselves as functioning parts of the system, can adapt to and apply new strategies and best practice successfully, and above all provides a critical check and balance against the decisions we take, ensuring these are a force for positive progress, where voices are heard and where no one is left behind.

If you have the relevant skills and leadership experience we are looking for particularly around matters of adults safeguarding within a local authority context or other complex organisation and share our commitment to collaborative working and making a difference then we'd love to hear from you.

