



Although a formal committee of Brighton & Hove City Council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the NHS Surrey & Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Adults and Healthwatch.

Title: Brighton & Hove
Safeguarding Adults
Board Annual Update
2025-26

Date of Meeting: 28
July 2026

Report of: The
Independent SAB
Chair

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Wards Affected: all

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Executive Summary

The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board (B&H SAB) comprises senior representatives from statutory and non-statutory agencies and organisations in Brighton & Hove with a responsibility for safeguarding adults with care and support needs.

The Board co-ordinates local safeguarding activity. It ensures the effectiveness of local work by:

- Monitoring and scrutinising what is done by our partner agencies to safeguard



and promote the welfare of adults with care and support needs

- Undertaking Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and other multi-agency learning reviews, audits and qualitative reviews as well as sharing learning opportunities
- Collecting and analysing safeguarding data
- Drawing evidence from the testimony of adults with care and support needs and frontline professionals
- Publishing an annual report

This annual report outlines progress the B&H SAB has made over the last year in respect to safeguarding adults with care and support needs. It covers the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

1. Decisions, recommendations and any options

- 1.1 That the Board notes the report and commends partner agencies for their contribution to safeguarding adults with care and support needs; and
- 1.2 Notes SAB achievements and challenges (in **Appendix 1**).

2. Relevant information

2.1 It is a statutory requirement for the SAB to publish an annual report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for adults with care and support needs in the local area.

2.2 The B&H SAB has continued to work in partnership with member agencies to safeguard adults with care and support needs, and to minimise any adverse consequences of abuse.

2.3 Details of the Safeguarding Board's work this year can be found in the Annual Report (**Appendix 1**).

3. Important considerations and implications

Legal:

- 3.1 Schedule 2 to The Care Act 2014 requires the SAB to publish an annual report and provide a copy of the same to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Lawyer consulted: Alice Macnair 15th July 2026

Finance:

- 3.2 The Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Adults Board has an agreed budget with multi-agency funding and received the following contributions in financial year 2025/26; the Local Authority £0.115m, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex £0.023m and NHS Sussex ICB £0.027m. The budget was overspent by £0.003 which was met from a prior year surpluses brought forward. These contributions cover the running costs of the board and the expenditure is detailed in the annual report.

Finance Officer consulted: Brian Smith Date: 20/07/2026

Equalities:

- 3.3 The SAB, through the City Council and other partner agencies, will continue to work to ensure people with care and support needs and their carers have access to safeguarding services – particularly those who are less able to communicate due to age, disability, language or for other reasons. The work of the Board contributes to improved community cohesion. Where reviews recommend ways to better meet needs of people sharing a protected characteristic, these are provided to the relevant organisations, implemented and monitored.

Sustainability:

- 3.4 The SAB is a statutory requirement. It needs to be appropriately resourced to fulfil its statutory obligations. All SAB multi agency meetings are currently being conducted virtually. This is being considered as an ongoing arrangement due to infection control requirements but also due to reducing travel across the county.

Health, social care, children's services and public health:

- 3.5 These are discussed in the annual report (**Appendix 1**).

Supporting documents and information

Appendix1: B&H SAB Annual Report 2025-26

