

# Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board

## Preventing Abuse and Neglect Strategy 2019-2021

### INTRODUCTION

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Critical to thinking in the Care Act 2014 is that the care and support system works to actively promote wellbeing and independence and does not just wait to respond when people reach a crisis point. It is vital that the care and support system intervenes early to support individuals, helps people retain or regain their skills and confidence, and prevents need or delays deterioration wherever possible. This approach applies equally to adult safeguarding.

The Care Act 2014 places a duty on local safeguarding adults boards to develop and implement a clear strategy around the prevention of abuse or neglect of adults at risk. Prevention is one of the core principles of safeguarding and as such forms a fundamental part of local adult safeguarding policy framework and arrangements.

### VISION

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***‘A county where all adults can live a life free from abuse or neglect.’***

The board is committed to our vision and has created this prevention strategy, in line with the requirements in the Care Act 2014, to demonstrate our commitment to preventing and reducing the risk of abuse and neglect to those adults with care and support needs.

The Board cannot realise this vision alone and this strategy details how we will work, in partnership with citizens as well as both statutory and non-statutory organisations, to achieve our vision.

### PRINCIPLES

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This strategy is aligned to the 6 principles of the Care Act:

#### Prevention

Preventing abuse and neglect should be the start point of all our work

#### Empowerment

Empowering people will help to reduce the risk of abuse and neglect

#### Proportionality

Using resources effectively will reduce the risk of abuse and neglect from re-occurring

#### Partnership

Effective prevention requires good partnership working and a multi-disciplinary approach adopted within and across local services

#### Protection

We will protect people when we need to do so

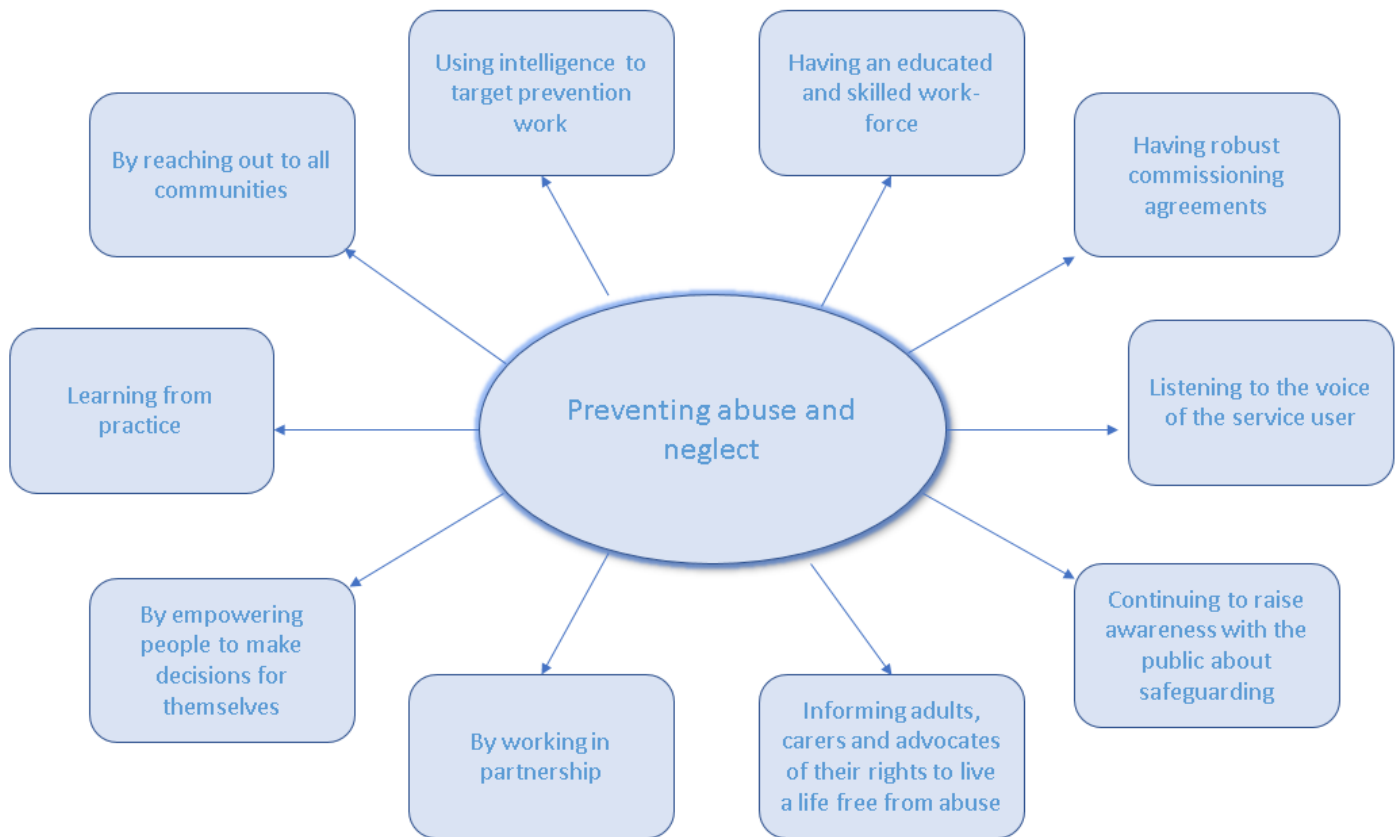
#### Accountability

Both individuals and organisations as a whole are accountable for preventing abuse and neglect

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### WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR VISION BY:



### MEASURING OUR SUCCESS

NSAB will produce an action plan linked to the aims in this strategy. We will measure our success by the achievement of our aims and, ultimately, our vision of *'A county where all adults can live a life free from abuse or neglect.'* This means we will:

- Reduce the incidence of abuse and neglect in Nottinghamshire
- Reduce the number of repeat instances of abuse and neglect against the same individual
- Put an emphasis on prevention in all multi-agency NSAB learning opportunities
- Seek assurance that learning opportunities to relevant staff groups delivered by partners include links to safeguarding and preventing abuse and neglect