

**Health and Wellbeing Board  
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	<b>Report for Information</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Children’s and Adult’s Safeguarding, Exploitation and Domestic Abuse During and Beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic
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<b>Brief summary:</b>	<p>Following presentation of the Safeguarding Adults Board’s annual report to the Board in January, it was agreed that an additional report detailing the issues faced by both adults’ and children’s agencies’ since the Covid-19 pandemic be prepared.</p> <p>This report, separated into four sections, sets out the initial challenges partner agencies experienced as the Covid-19 pandemic first arrived. It details the subsequent adaptations and mitigations agencies put in place, as well as describing the resulting impact upon services, service users and their families, especially during the first and subsequent lockdowns. The report goes on to describe service provision beyond lockdown and into the current situation facing partner agencies, picking out both the negative and positive effects responding to the Covid-19 pandemic has brought about.</p>

**Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board:**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- take assurance from the report that agency responses to the Covid-19 pandemic in respect of the impact upon vulnerable children and adults are robust;
- take assurance that the existing governance mechanisms, namely the

Safeguarding Adults Board, Children’s Partnership, and Crime and Drug Partnership, will continue to identify and address areas of concern affecting vulnerable children and adults arising from the Covid-19 pandemic;

- identify any areas within the report that the Board can usefully comment and focus upon.

**Contribution to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:**

<b>Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims and outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of contribution to the Strategy</b>
Aim: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham and make us one of the healthiest big cities.	<p>Having adequate safeguarding arrangements in place for both children and adults at risk of abuse are statutory functions that all partners agencies must adhere to.</p> <p>All safeguarding activity is concerned with improving health, wellbeing and safety, and although the Safeguarding Adults Board, Children’s Partnership and Crime and Drug Partnership are primarily concerned with service users who meet statutory criteria, all have broader preventative agendas that encompass the outcomes described.</p>
Aim: To reduce inequalities in health by targeting the neighbourhoods with the lowest levels of healthy life expectancy.	
Outcome 1: Children and adults in Nottingham adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles.	
Outcome 2: Children and adults in Nottingham will have positive mental wellbeing and those with long-term mental health problems will have good physical health.	
Outcome 3: There will be a healthy culture in Nottingham in which citizens are supported and empowered to live healthy lives and manage ill health well.	
Outcome 4: Nottingham’s environment will be sustainable – supporting and enabling its citizens to have good health and wellbeing.	

**How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board’s aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health**

Both adult and children’s statutory services, as well as partner agencies and the Crime and Drugs Partnership, work within statutory definitions of abuse that recognise abuse can take many forms other than physical (which itself can encompass sexual, domestic violence and modern slavery). These include psychological, discriminatory, organisational, neglect, self-neglect, acts of omission and financial abuse. Accordingly, mental health and wellbeing is accorded equal value to that of physical

health by all agencies who work with adults and children at risk.

**Background papers:**

None