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for County Councillors

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Adult safeguarding website launched

This month the Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) launched a new website to give people a better understanding of adult safeguarding.

The new website <http://ssab.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk> will enable people and professionals to find information on adult safeguarding, who may be at risk and how to report abuse.

Richard Crompton, Chair of the Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board, said: "I am delighted with the progress the Board has made over the last year and the on-going work of our member agencies to protect adults at risk in Somerset.

"A vital role of the Board is to raise public awareness of what safeguarding is, and we felt it was important to make information more easily accessible to people so have developed this new website to help us do so. The site contains a range of useful information to help raise public understanding of who may need support, when help may be needed and how it can be accessed, as well as more information about our role as a partnership. Staff working with people with health or social care needs can also visit the website to access policy and practice guidance, and other resources.

"Although the website will continue to be developed and strengthened over time, I would encourage everyone to learn more about safeguarding, as it really is everybody's business, and we all have a duty to our family, friends and community to ensure people are not being exposed to risk of harm."

A dedicated section has been set up containing information about adult safeguarding especially for elected Members. This can be accessed via: <http://ssab.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/information/agency-specific/>

The Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership which includes Somerset County Council, Avon and Somerset Constabulary and the Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group who work together to protect vulnerable adults from harm.

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