

Cumbria Safeguarding Adults Board (CSAB)

Lay Member of the Board



Are you looking for a voluntary position where you can make a difference, or perhaps a new challenge?

If so, an exciting opportunity has arisen for a committed member of the public in Cumbria to help shape the safeguarding arrangements for adults with care and support needs and offer challenge to the agencies who work in partnership to keep people safe.

Cumbria Safeguarding Adults Board (CSAB) works in partnership with representatives from statutory and non-statutory organisations across Cumbria to help protect adults with care and support needs from abuse or neglect. Through effective partnership working the Board develops policy and procedures which aim to protect an adult's right to live safely, free from abuse and neglect.

As a Lay Member there is no requirement to have previous experience in safeguarding. What is essential and key to the role are the skills and ability to act as a critical friend to the Board whilst offering constructive challenge.

The Lay Member is a key Board member participating in decision making at a strategic level and providing a lay perspective. You will bring an independent view and challenge to the Board to enable it to focus on the interests and needs of adults in Cumbria. The role will involve contributing to the Board to support us to gain an improved understanding from our local communities in respect of safeguarding risks.

Lay Members play an active and valuable role in supporting the Board's primary function of reviewing and scrutinising partner agencies against the delivery of the national & local agreed outcomes and targets. The role will provide an opportunity to work with members of the Board and its sub-groups developing effective relationships with members of the public, community groups, senior officers, voluntary sector bodies and partner organisations.

The Lay Member will have support via the partnership. The role is voluntary, for up to 2 days per month with expenses paid to cover costs incurred for travel.

Would you like to know more...?

- Read [‘Reflections and experiences of a Lay Member’](#) a short blog by David Savage our outgoing and long-standing Board member.
- Watch this [short video](#) in which David Savage describes his experience and background and the contribution he has made during his time in the role.
- [Refer to the Role Profile for CSAB Lay Member](#)
- [CSAB Protocol for appointment of Lay Members](#)

Would you like further discussion...?

For further discussion please contact;

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Or

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Are you interested in applying....?

If you are interested in this exciting role and would like to apply, please send your CV outlining your transferrable skills, attributes and experience with a short statement of no more than one side of A4 (approx.500 words) detailing your reasons for applying.

Return to csab@cumbria.gov.uk

Closing date for expressions of interest: Wednesday 16th September 2026.

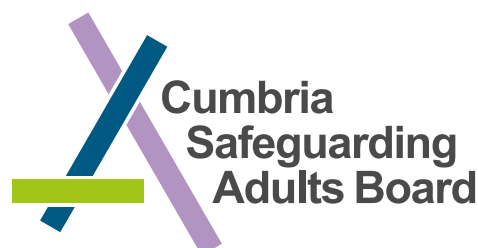
Appointment to the position is subject to an interview with Board members from our partner organisations. **Interviews will take place on 5th October 2026 in Carlisle.** All applicants will be informed in writing via email of the outcome of their expression of interest.



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