

Annual Report

2021-22

RBSAB

ROCHDALE BOROUGH
SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

RBSCP

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2021-22 Partner Member organisations

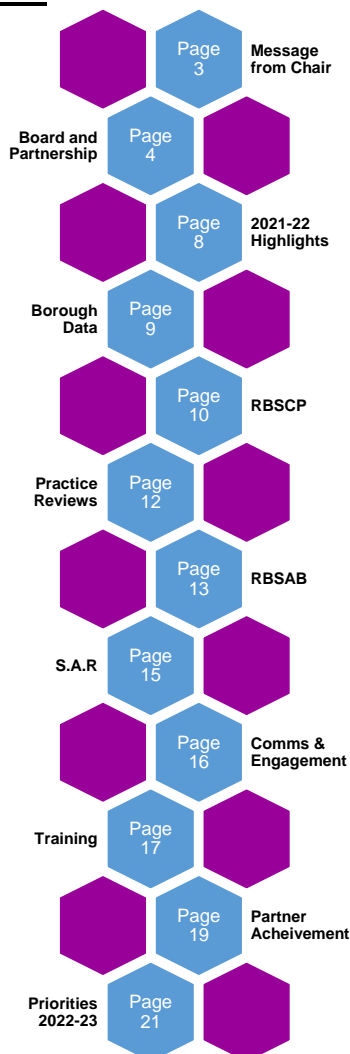
Statutory Partners

- Rochdale Borough Council
- Greater Manchester Police
- NHS Integrated Care System (HMR)

All Partners

- National Probation Service
- Pennine Care Foundation trust
- Northern Care Alliance
- Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue
- Healthwatch Rochdale
- HCRG Care Group
- Hopwood Hall College
- CAFCASS
- Sandcastle Care
- Rochdale Boroughwide Housing
- Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership
- Rochdale District and Mind
- Positive Steps
- Springhill Hospice
- Together – Your Voice Advocacy
- HM Prison Service

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The Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership is the local statutory body responsible for overseeing the safeguarding activity of children and young people as set out in Working Together 2018. The Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board is the statutory multi-agency body to oversee, lead, and coordinate the strategic development of adult safeguarding across the borough. Both the Partnership and Board have a joint Business Unit to coordinate and facilitate all activity, and a single Independent Chair sits across both bodies.

Working Together 2018 provides a framework of support to enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a system where children are safeguarded and their welfare is promoted, partner agencies collaborate, enabling organisations and agencies to challenge appropriately and hold one another to account. For more information please visit [Working together to safeguard children - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Working%20together%20to%20safeguard%20children%20-%20GOV.UK%20(www.gov.uk))

The Care Act 2014 sets out a clear legal framework for how local authorities and other parts of the system should protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect and gives the RBSAB three core duties to undertake:

- Develop and publish a strategic plan
- Publish an Annual Report detailing the effectiveness of our work
- Commission Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

For more information please visit [Care Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)

The vision of the Board and Partnership is that in Rochdale, people are able to live a life free from harm and where communities have a culture that does not tolerate abuse, work together to prevent abuse and know what to do when abuse happens.



A Message from the Independent Chair of RBSCP and RBSAB

“ In 2021-22 the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Board have continued our aim to ensure all people living in Rochdale are supported to lead safer lives.

What a strange and challenging 12 months it was to the end of March 2022. Despite the additional pressures which continuing Covid 19 restrictions brought to us all, in our personal and working lives, this Annual Report demonstrates once again the strong safeguarding partnerships which exist across the Rochdale Borough.

Our partners have prioritised the safeguarding and protection of our most vulnerable children and young people, and adults with care and support needs, whilst managing the demands of responding to the ever changing Covid 19 local position.

As Independent Chair I saw strong engagement in our full RBSCP and RBSAB meetings, with virtual methods embraced to ensure “business as usual” could continue. I am pleased that our joined-up approach across both Adults and Children’s safeguarding continued with twice yearly joint RBSCP and RBSAB meetings, and other joint sub groups being the norm.

Partners were an integral part of case reviews of the most serious incidents ensuring learning was identified and positive action taken. Having attended all child rapid reviews and adult screenings I am continually impressed by the RBSCP/RBSAB professionalism and skill in terms of its review function.

Opportunities for multi-agency training and learning were maintained despite the different delivery methods required due to the pandemic. Assurance was obtained regarding safeguarding responses with partners being held to account through audit and quality assurance activity.

Neglect and self-neglect continues to be a key priority in Rochdale and we are continuing to enhance our response to children and adults who are affected. Throughout the coming year I expect an amended neglect strategy and tools to be implemented across the partnership area.

As always particular thanks needs to go to the three statutory partners for the RBSCP and RBSAB from the Local Authority, Greater Manchester Police and the Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group. We met frequently to ensure any urgent/ emerging issues received immediate attention and I am grateful for their wisdom and leadership. An amended Executive group function evolved during the latter stages of this report’s year to strengthen governance of the RBSCP and RBSAB. I am sure this will help our partnership structures to be even more effective.

Finally I want to show appreciation for the work of the RBSCP / RBSAB Business Unit, who have worked continuously to ensure partnership working in Rochdale remains as strong as ever and as a consequence children, families and adults in need continue to be safeguarded. The Business Manager and Business Unit have supported me in my role as Scrutineer and Independent Chair and I am very grateful for their support as well as their resilience in responding to my requests and queries!

I hope the information in the annual report is relevant and provides an insight into the safeguarding work and achievements of all partners during this unusual year. We continue to want to improve and welcome any comments and suggestions for the coming year. The refreshed website has just gone live with additional resources being added through the summer, and a joint RBSCP/ RBSAB safeguarding conference for 2023 is already being planned. I feel enthusiastic and hopeful for what the next year will bring.

Thanks again to all my RBSCP and RBSAB colleagues ”

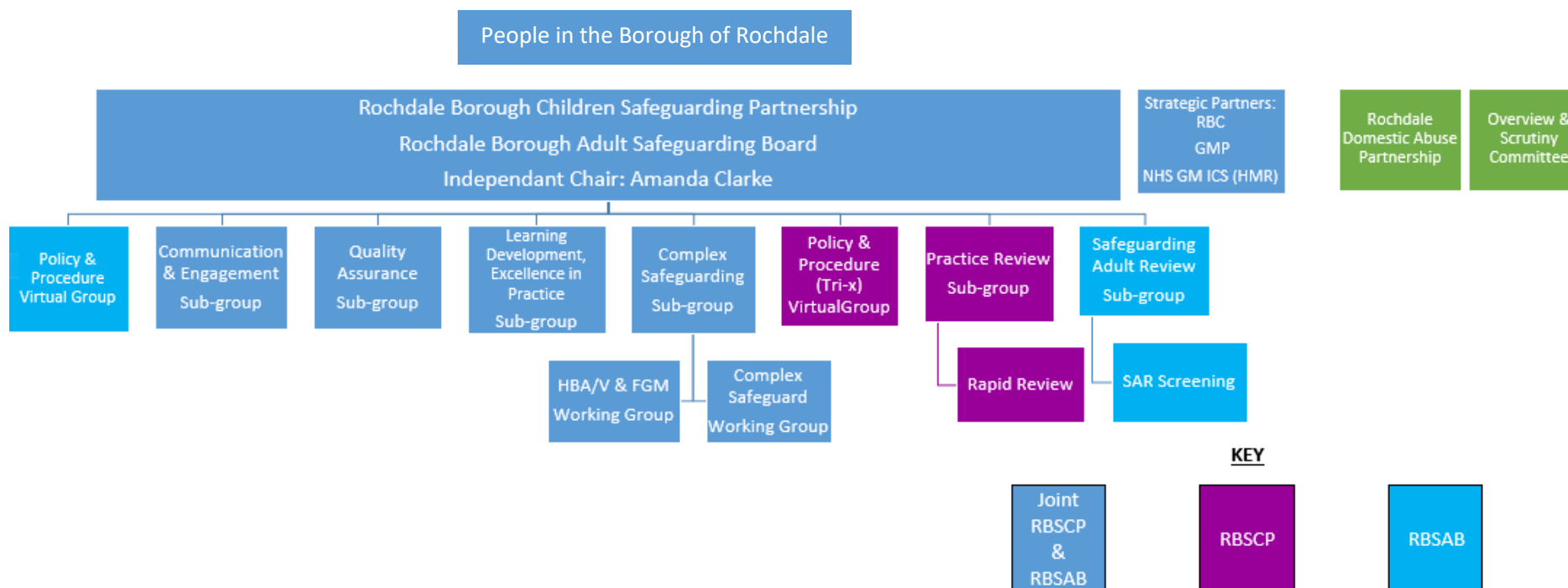
Amanda Clarke, Independent Chair
Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership and Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board

The Rochdale Safeguarding Board and Partnership

Information regarding the [Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children's Partnership](#), [Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board](#) and [Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Business Unit](#) can be found on our website.

This section of report aims to provide an overview of structure with their function alongside development information and how we achieve our aims.

Structures and Sub-Group overview.



Developments to our Structure

In July 2021, it was agreed to restructure the Complex Safeguarding working groups, there were initially six separate working groups reporting into the Complex Safeguarding Sub-group.

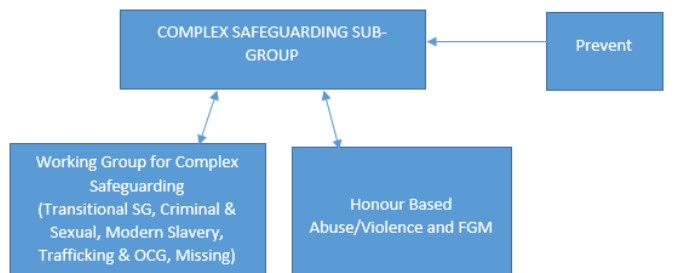
There were 4 CSSG meetings per year and 6 working groups, which also meet 4 times a year (on average). Each of these meetings require the following agencies to attend Children's Social Care, Early Help and Schools, Adult Social Care, PCFT, NCA, RCSP, GMP, Strategic Housing, CCG, Public Health and NPS. This means the agencies are attending 28 meetings per year.

We acknowledge there are established teams and operational work streams in place: Criminal & Sexual Exploitation (all age) – The Complex SG Team (Sunrise and ACT CSC and GMP), R&R (ASC), Modern Slavery/Trafficking and OCG – Project Challenger, Missing – Strategic Missing Group (Children Service). Therefore, we proposed to restructure and streamline to two working groups Working Group for Complex Safeguarding and HBA/V and FGM.

This proposal was agreed and from October 2021, the new structure was implemented.

Each combined working group will focus the positive work already taking place but strengthen the work around bridging the gap (RiP). There will be a requirement for the operational work streams to feed in and the working group will implement task and finish groups as and when required to meet any priorities and objectives.

Agreed meeting arrangement:



*Prevent does not sit under CSSG but will provide two exception up-dates per year.

The focus from the Working Group for Complex Safeguarding is to ensure the right people and the right work/action plan is in place that links to local/regional and national plans and work streams.

The impact since October 2021 has been streamlined, efficient, S.M.A.R.T. working. It is a key aim of the Board and Partnership to ensure linked up strategic thinking is at the core of our working practices.

The structure of the Board and Partnership ensures children, young people, adults and families are at the core of work undertaken. We ensure assurance of service partner safeguarding and any learning directly benefits the residents of Rochdale.

How our Sub-Groups achieve their purpose.

The work undertaken by RBSCP and RBSAB subgroups are focused by our strategic plan with learning and achievement regularly reported to Executive Group alongside Board and Partnership meetings.

We do this by ensuring *best value* practices occur when utilising our resources. Our 2021/22 budget is listed on the table below.

Rochdale Safeguarding Board and Partnership	2021/22	
Income	Actual	Total
GMCA	24,300.00	
National Probation Service	1,473.34	
NHS HMR CCG (formally known as)	79,816.00	
Schools	19,762.00	
Safeguarding Unit	76,212.00	
EH&S Contribution	15,500.00	
Rochdale Adult Protection Committee	3,000.00	220,063.34

Continued resources ensures RBSCP and RBSAB will:

- Work together at a multi-agency level, providing strategic support for our key partners in the development of shared understanding and what good safeguarding practice looks like.
- Evidence the good safeguarding practice across the Borough of Rochdale.
- Provide support to single agencies and help shape plans for our safeguarding journey.
- Continue with our current training offer whilst developing new and innovative learning.
- Work with all partners to provide safeguarding support via statutory audit and reporting.
- Ensure quality learning occurs from experienced Reviewers.
- Deliver the message that everyone has the right to live a life free from harm and abuse.
- Engage with residents to ensure their voices are heard.

RBSCP and RBSAB completed all aspects of 2021/22 statutory requirements by publishing [Strategic Plan](#) Producing annual report. Commissioning Practice reviews and completing statutory Section 11 / Self-Assessment and Section 157/175 audits. Reports are available upon request to RBSB.Admin@Rochdale.Gov.UK

Quarterly Highlights April 2021 – March 2022

3 SAR referrals received; self-neglect/ attempted suicide.

- ▶ RBSAB Self-neglect and Hoarding Tool Campaign launched.
- ▶ RBSAB Sub Groups met quarterly throughout year

2 SAR referrals received; self-neglect/ neglect.

- ▶ RBSAB (and RBSCP) Honour Based Abuse Prevention Campaign launched.
 - ▶ Women and Problem Gambling course developed.
 - ▶ Rochdale Quality Framework developed and integrated to SAR process.

1 referral; self-neglect

- ▶ RBSAB's Safeguarding Adults Week (15 – 21 November)
- ▶ Professional Curiosity training pack launched.
- ▶ Adult E report published.

2 referrals; domestic abuse/ discriminatory abuse. 1 SAR.

- ▶ The new website with the integrated training booking system has been launched. (Joint)
- ▶ Adult F briefings on Domestic Abuse and Suicide / Emotionally Unstable Personality published.

April – June 2021

2 referrals received, 0 progress to Rapid Review.

- ▶ Joint RBSAB/RBSCP newsletter issue five published.
- ▶ Learning from SCRs elearning course added to the website.
- ▶ RBSCP Sub Groups met quarterly

July – September 2021

2 referrals received, 1 progress to Rapid Review; Sexual Exploitation.

- ▶ RBSCP and RBC Safe After School Campaign.
- ▶ RBSCP took part in the UK's first ever National ICON Week
- ▶ Female Genital Mutilation summer awareness campaign
- ▶ Working Together to safeguard Children course has been updated.

October – December 2021

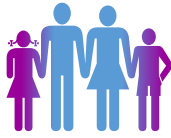
1 referral received, 0 progress to Rapid, Review; Sexual Exploitation

- ▶ QA Neglect Strategy progress
- ▶ Child's Lived Experience training launched
- ▶ Child B1 report finalised – not published.

January – March 2022

4 referrals received, 3 progress to Rapid Review; Baby overlay, Sexually Harmful Behaviour, Sexual Abuse.

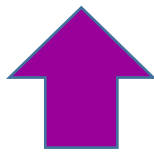
- ▶ Recruitment of new trainers for Child Sexual Abuse/Effects of Cumulative harm/Neglect and Emotional Abuse
- ▶ Child D1 extended learning brief published



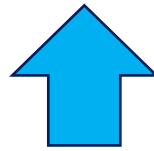
223,800 people live
in Borough of
Rochdale



Population growth between 2011 and 2021 Census



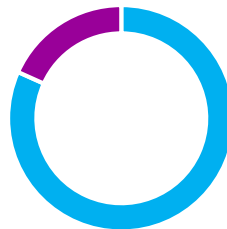
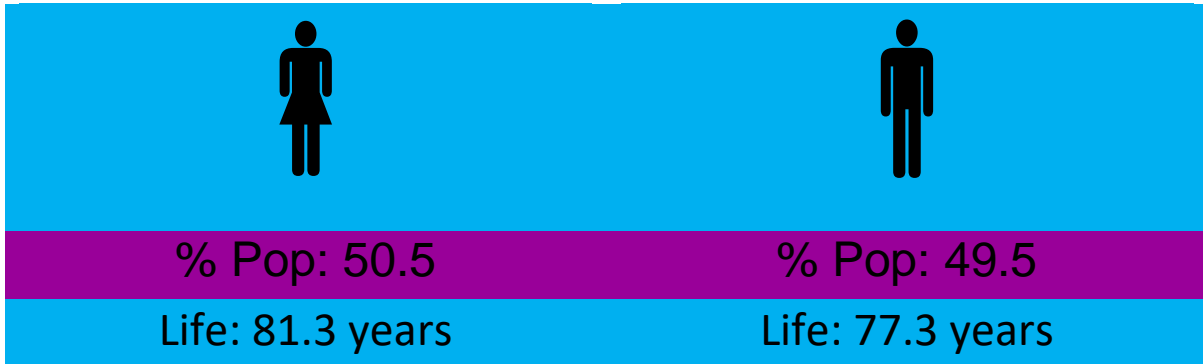
0 – 15 Years Old
9.5%



16 – 64 Years Old
1.5%



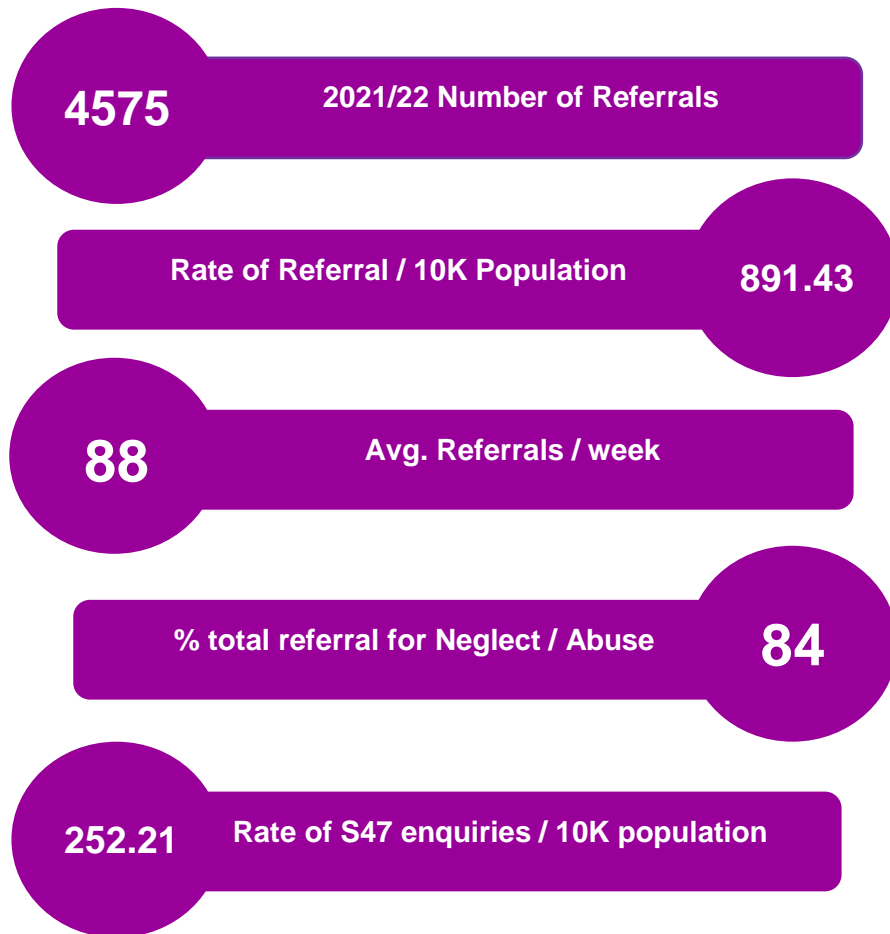
65+ Years Old
19.7%



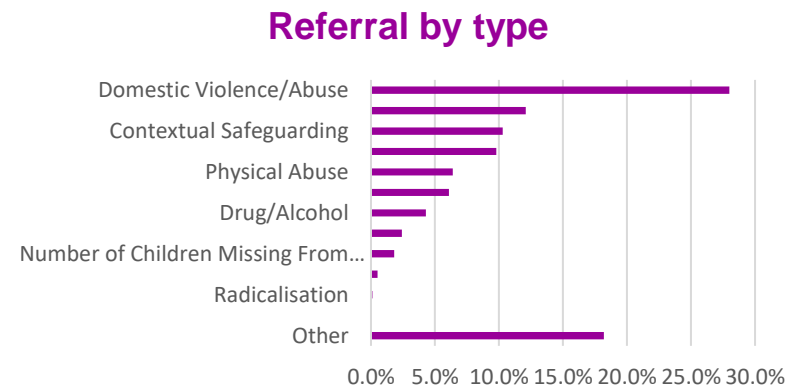
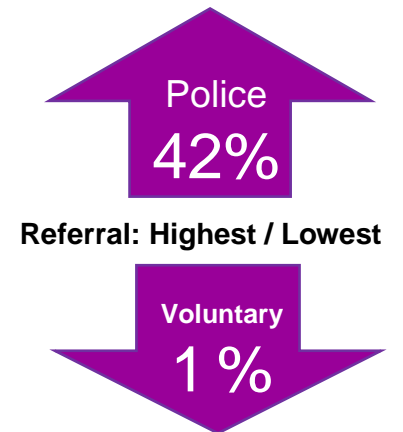
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RBSCP Year in Figures - Referrals

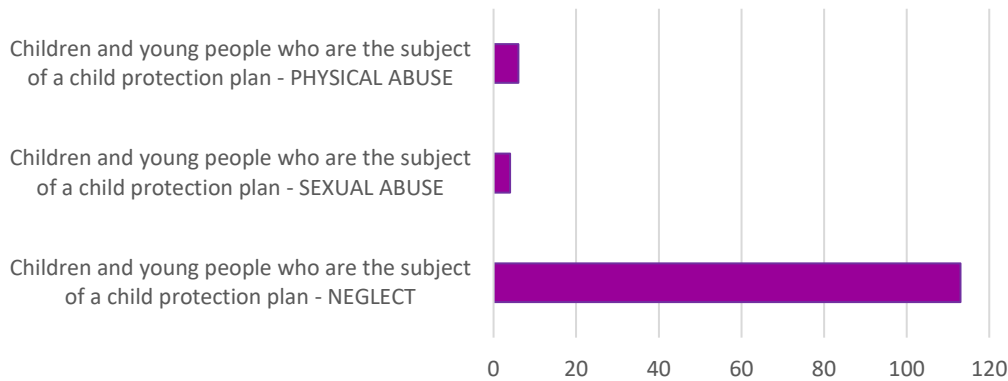
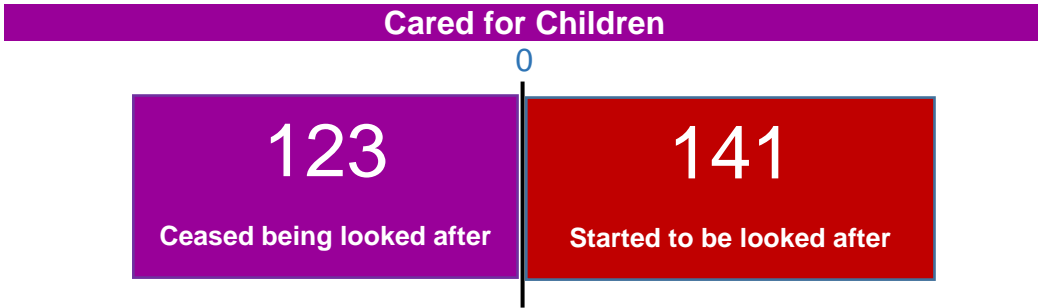
Quality Assurance Sub-group collects and reports data on a quarterly basis. Data is collected from a range of partners and cross referenced to understand learning links to auditing priorities which are derived from Rochdale Borough Children's Safeguarding Partnership Strategic Plan. A focus of learning in 2021-22 was the development of a new Children's Neglect Strategy that is rooted in prevention and early help through tools that encourage the voice of children and ensure evidence based plans are critically thought out via tools developed by the Partnership.



- Anonymous/Family/Self
- College/School
- Early Help
- Health
- Police
- Probation



RBSCP Year in Figures – Child Protection Plans Cared for Children





151

Young people open to Complex Safeguarding team*

*at the end of 2021-22 quarter 4

129 Initial Child Protection Conferences held

Year-end number of children on CPP **340**

19 % of children subject to repeat CPP

Year-end number of Children in need / on CPP **2792 / 907**

81%

Proportion of CPP where Domestic Abuse is featured

81%

Initial Child Protection Conferences were held within 15 days of strategy discussion

Children’s Practice Reviews

Working Together 2018 sets out the requirement to undertake Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews in cases which meet criteria.

Detailed Child Safeguarding Review information can be found by accessing [Rochdale Safeguarding](#) website.

In 2021/22 published learning:

Child C1 (Olivia)

Olivia is a pseudonym. Olivia had been coerced into a sexual relationship with an older male. Olivia had in the past experienced domestic abuse, parental substance misuse, parental mental health issues leading to various levels of neglect throughout her life.

Olivia had involvement with services throughout her life. Poor parental supervision, domestic abuse and parental substance misuse had been present in Olivia’s life resulting in her being subject to Child Protection Plans for neglect at various stages.

Learning and next steps can be viewed by accessing the [Rochdale Safeguarding website](#)

Child D1

Child D1 was subject to a Child Protection Plan due to Sexual Abuse, and subsequently removed from the care of her parents. School made several referrals to Children’s Social Care and historical police checks showed mother’s partner may pose a risk to Child D1. Assessments and S47 enquiries followed which found that Child D1 had, by this point, been sexually abused.

The focus on a possible diagnosis of Child D1’s learning needs and a possible Autism diagnosis distracted from the risks of sexual abuse and safeguarding concerns were not effectively assessed.

Learning and next steps can be viewed by accessing the [Rochdale Safeguarding website](#)

During 2021-22 there were 10 referrals that ultimately led to 4 Rapid Reviews and 1 Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review. The provided figures showed a consistent trend when considering the year prior. Themes from 2021-22 safeguarding referrals were:



The Learning from Olivia and Child D1 highlights the learning required directly linked to themes. Child 5

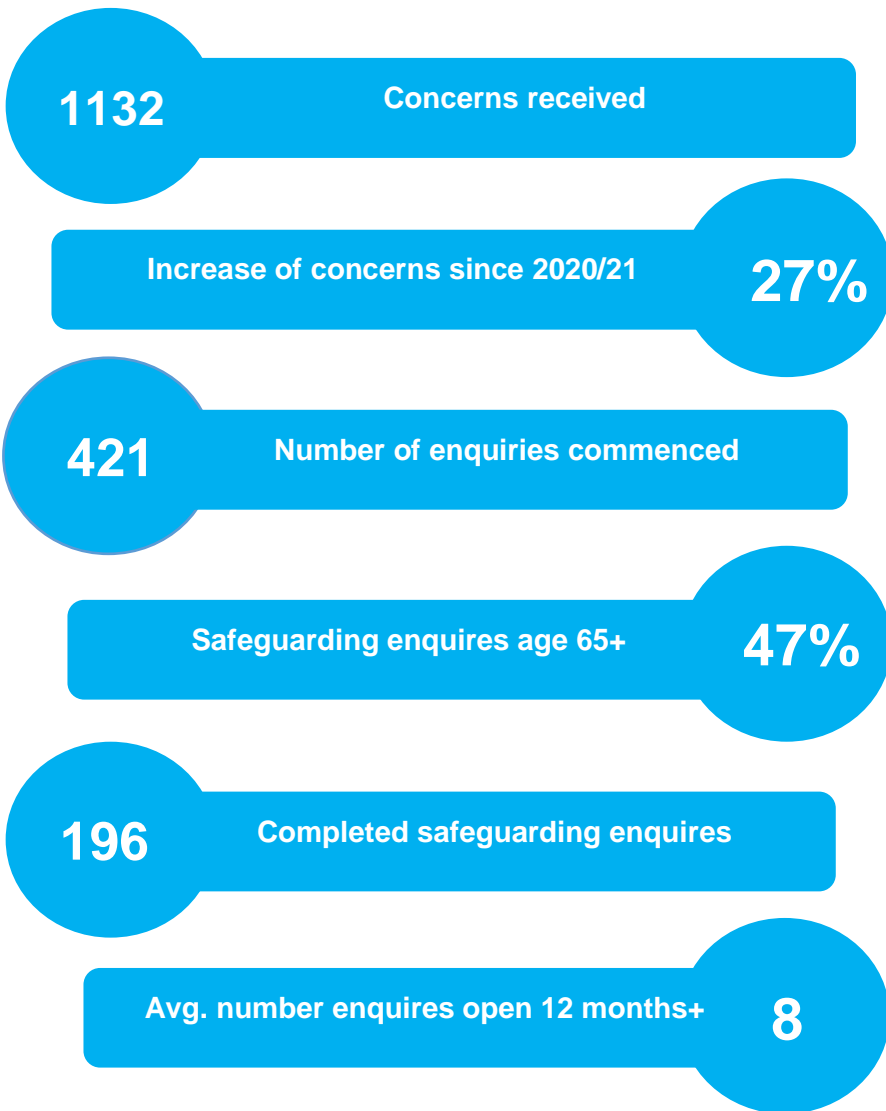
Referrals and Reviews also create the basis for [2022-24 strategic business plan](#).

Learning will be monitored across all sub-groups to ensure Quality Assurance, Training, Engagement and Complex safeguarding is working together and working effectively.

The purpose of a Rapid Review is to establish whether there are lessons to be learnt from the circumstances of an incident, about the way in which local professionals and organisations work together to safeguard vulnerable children and young people. Review the effectiveness of procedures, processes and approaches to establishing the best evidence and/or issues that help or hinder professionals and organisations to safeguard effectively.

Work undertaken relating to reviews was the development of a new Referral form and production of Serious Incident Notification process. This was to allow for consistency and shared understanding across our agencies. Assurance has been received that actions from Rapid Review Learning is scrutinised and evidenced by our Partners.

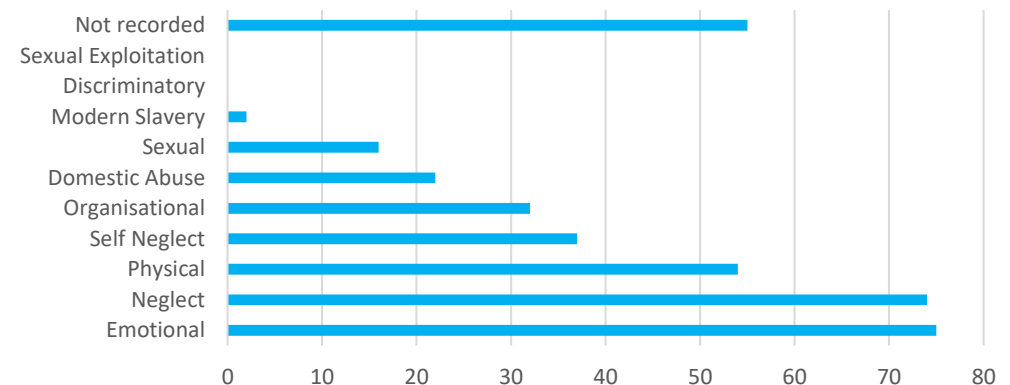
RBSAB Year 2021/22 in Figures – Concerns & Referrals



What is an adult safeguarding concern? An adult safeguarding concern is any worry about an adult who has or appears to have care and support needs that they may be subject to, or may be at risk of, abuse and neglect and may be unable to protect themselves against this.

A Section 42 enquiry must take place if there is reason to believe that abuse or neglect is taking place or is at risk of taking place, and the local authority believes that an enquiry is needed to help it to decide what action to take to support and protect the person in question.

2021/22 Number of safeguarding enquiries started by type of abuse



87%
Concluded episodes with reduced or removed risks

95%
Ended enquires achieved full or partial desired outcomes

*Data source: RBC Adult Care quarterly performances returns

Quality Assurance Sub-group collects and reports data on a quarterly basis. Data is collected from a range of partners and cross referenced to understand learning links to auditing priorities which are derived from Rochdale Borough Adult Safeguarding Board Strategic Plan.

The data analysis does not aim to be compliance driven, the Board looks to understand where previous learning has been embedded and have an evidence based learning journey to where we want Adult safeguarding to be in the future.

In 2021/22 the data showed RBSAB that the number of concerns was significantly higher than previous years. The QA Sub-Group discussed this was a combination of improved processes for the people of Rochdale contacting available services and the introduction of managing allegations process. Other factors such as social media engagement which help adults gain information of their right to live a life free from harm and abuse.

A key statistic was 95% of all Section 42 enquiries ended with the adult gaining full or partial outcomes achieved.

Moving into 2022/23, the QA Group are developing how data is delivered and analysed to ensure learning is at the forefront of the subgroups process. A Joint dashboard is being developed to ensure themes and learning are shared at a multi-agency level.



Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adult Review is not to reinvestigate or apportion blame but to establish whether lessons can be learned from the circumstances of a case that may improve practice or the way in which agencies and professionals work together to safeguard vulnerable adults. The focus of Safeguarding Adult Reviews, in line with both multi-agency policy and national guidance, is to: Learn from past experience and the specific event examined; improve future practice and outcomes by acting on learning identified by the review; Improve multi-agency working and compliance with any other multiagency or single agency procedures.

Detailed Adult Safeguarding Review information can be found by accessing [Rochdale Safeguarding](#) website. In 2021/22 the learning published was:

Adult E

Adult E was in his 70's when he was admitted to hospital under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act following a significant decline in his ability to care for himself at home. The scope of the review focussed on a time period of just under 3 years prior to Adult E's decline in health, and explored alcohol use, mental health and self-neglect. Adult E was supported by a number of agencies throughout this time period (apart from a 12 month period in 2018) including Adult Care, STARS, District Nursing, Home Care, Hospitals, GP and GMP.

Adult E was self-neglecting for a period of time and had varying levels of engagement with professionals

For the learning gained about Self-Neglect, Professional Curiosity and sharing Information and escalating concerns please visit the [Safeguarding Website](#).

Adult G

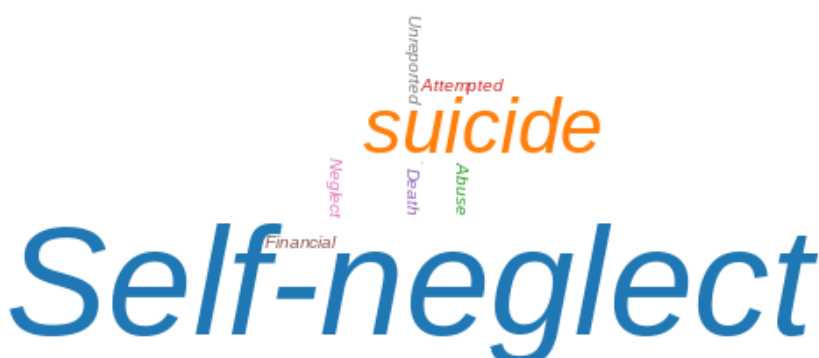
Adult G had a supportive family background, but from the age of 20 frequently used cannabis and later went to on to regularly use heroin and crack cocaine. Adult G initially accessed episodes of drug treatment but his engagement with services was not consistent and he continued to misuse drugs and alcohol to the point where he had significant health issues related to using injectable drugs. He often refused medical treatment and his condition deteriorated until in December 2020 he was admitted to hospital and died at the age of 55 after not responding to treatment for sepsis.

Alcohol and drug misuse led to him suffering from severe leg ulcers, open wounds and deep vein thrombosis. His continued refusal of services saw his condition deteriorate resulting in mobility issue to the point where Adult G was housebound.

For the learning gained about Self-Neglect and escalating concerns please visit the [Safeguarding Website](#).

During 2021-22 there were 9 referrals leading to 5 screening panels. 1 Safeguarding Adult Review was commissioned. This is an increase of figures compared to previous year. 2020/21 annual report indicated a drop from 2019/20.

Themes from 2021-22 safeguarding referrals were:



The themes from referrals directly impact on [RBSAB strategic priorities](#).

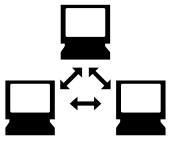
Self-Neglect will continue to be a focus of work undertaken by the Board.

Learning will be monitored across all sub-groups to ensure Quality Assurance, Training, Engagement and Complex safeguarding is working together and working effectively.

Work undertaken relating to reviews was the adoption of SAR Quality Markers and integration into local documents. A process of exception reporting to ensure actions are timely via escalation to the Board. Development of training videos in response to learning from SARs.

Communications and Engagement

The strategic aim of Communication and Engagement is to ensure Voice is heard, understood and learning is communicated effectively. Our [campaigns](#) are engaging and communicated with partners successfully.

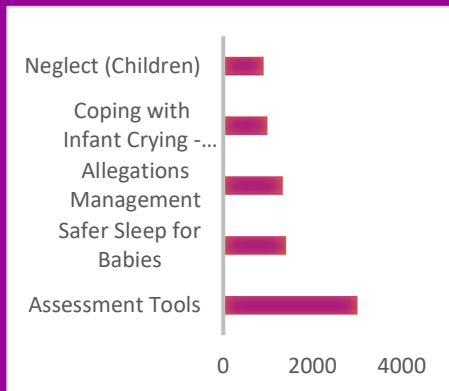


[Rochdale Safeguarding Partnership Board](#) – a total of 32,335 individual page clicks

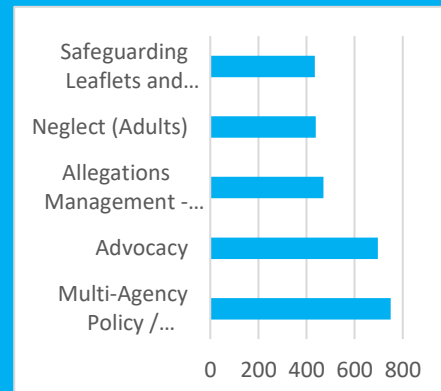


Most accessed page: [Safeguarding Children Assessment Tools](#). 2999 clicks

Most accessed children's safeguarding information 2021/22



Most accessed adults safeguarding information 2021/22



Board and Partnership social media has a combined 2534 followers. Pages seek to engage children, adults and families with insightful safeguarding information, links to help available and ensure people understand they are able to live a life free from harm and where communities have a culture that does not tolerate abuse and work together to prevent abuse from happening.



[RBSAB/RBSCP newsletter](#) has 1046 subscribers. The newsletter ensures learning from SAR and Rapid reviews are communicated to all subscribers. Provides information on practice and policy updates alongside news of campaigns and training available across the Board and Partnership.

During 2021/22 Communications and Engagement Sub-Group led on a highly successful Keep Baby Safe campaign after its launch in late 2020. Learning from Rapid Reviews and multi-agency actions led to a massive drop in serious incidents involving babies. The group developed engagement surveys to understand families and practitioner knowledge both before and after training and information events. We are very proud of the successful impact on this topic. Analysis is ongoing but parental voices are extremely positive from the actions that were developed during this campaign.



Keep Baby Safe practitioner event - January 2022

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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Training

The Safeguarding Board and Partnership in Rochdale provide free, multi-agency training making sure that appropriate learning opportunities are available to everyone who works with adults and Children ensuring training makes a positive difference to practice.



Training continued remotely during 2021/22. As we considered COVID recovery, an assessment exercise began in late 2022 considering which sessions may move towards a return to in person delivery.

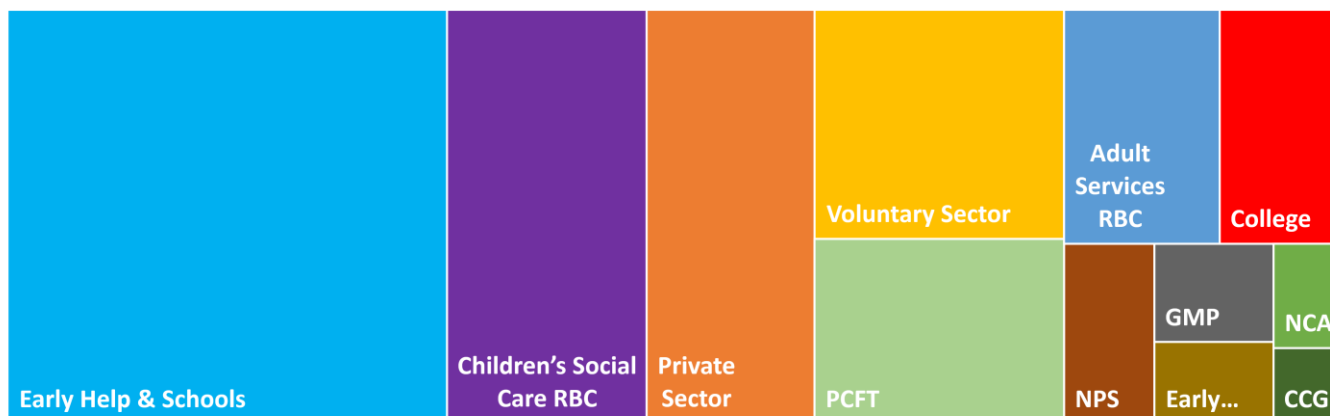
Of 1052 attendees, 98.3% reported and improvement of subject knowledge, understanding and increased confidence in applying learning to role. 99% felt the 50 professional trainers were excellent in their delivery of topic and knowledge of topic content was based on current practice and legislation.

Updated training [strategy](#) sets out clear principles and detail of training offer allowing our partners to quickly understand the purpose of multi-agency training.

A new training booking format was developed and launched in December 2021. The aim of this development was to allow greater accessibility for people to our safeguarding courses. Attendees are now able to view and book courses in real time and receive alerts with information. People accessing this page can also view a collection of safeguarding partners training which displays multi-agency collaboration. The impact of development will be delivered in 2022/23 Annual Report. Training is promoted via [RBSAB/RBSCP Social Media](#) and via support from our partners

Training is provided by front-line professionals who bring their experience and real-life case examples to benefit the courses, rather than by a training officer. There are always two co-trainers presenting each course, preferably from different agencies, to bring differing perspectives to the courses. We currently have over 50 professionals in our training pool.

AGENCY TRAINING ATTENDANCE



*202 delegates did not identify agency

RBSAB and RBSCP Partner achievements



Greater Manchester Police named a large number of achievements in 2021-22 return. Introduction of a Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme. ▶ Created a dedicated a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme. ▶ Commissioned a Prisoner Processing Unit who have developed expertise and focus to maximise protective measures for victims of abuse. ▶ Developed a cohort of Domestic Abuse victims and suspects to manage developing risks in line with problem solving principles. ▶ Introduced enhanced risk assessments for adults ▶ Increased capacity with the Domestic Abuse appointments system to significantly improve response times.



Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue services told us about emerging themes of child referrals was fire setting behaviour within the home. This was referred to the GMFRS FireSmart service to enable specialist Youth Workers to engage with the young people and the families. Following the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions, Prevention Advisors have now returned to home face to face visits. The prevention team will continue to respond to referrals to provide the service to the most vulnerable members of the community within Rochdale.



Healthwatch Rochdale provided their Annual Report 2021-22. The report describes how they have set up Youthwatch and gained engagement in hearing the voices of young people. Surveys have provided valuable information on safeguarding gaps on a multi-agency level. Healthwatch were assured as part of the Board and Partnerships Section 11 and Self-Assessment review, they were found to ensure pre-employment checks were online with safeguarding board and partnership guidance, Healthwatch ensure staff attend safeguarding training on a regular basis and have a policy and process in place for any safeguarding concerns registered.



Hopwood hall college has a dedicated team of Safeguarding staff. They have a Senior Leadership Manager with responsibility for safeguarding, mental health and Prevent and a named Safeguarding Governor. Hopwood Hall described how Trauma Informed practice has been embedded via training to all members across the workforce. Their Safeguarding Audit highlight achievements to be; Leaders are clear and robust with the wellbeing and safety of learners. ▶ Safeguarding management processes are highly effective. ▶ Sharing of safeguarding information is rapid and effective. ▶ Staff are clear about their roles towards safeguarding.



NHS GM ICS HMR supplied a return which highlighted their excellent contribution to RBSCP and RBSAB. These were the continued engagement with Board and Partnership, Chairing the QA sub-group, being a lead voice in campaigns, an active partner in Section 11 and Self-Assessment. More locally, with regards to the Health economy, continued with its programme of safeguarding assurance with all health providers and care homes throughout the COVID recovery phase. GM ICS HMR ensure GP's access learning from safeguarding reviews and test the implementation of learning. Development of domestic abuse toolkits has been completed and embedded. Finally, the agency endures clear information is provided at MAPPA meetings to ensure the pathway from GP's is open.



NCA explained that despite the challenges of COVID they have continued to strengthen practices and equip staff with necessary safeguarding skills and knowledge. MCA/DoLs is a named item that have become embedded within self-assessment and audit. NCA works with Community Safety Partnership and Adult Safeguarding Team to ensure lessons learned from SAR and DHR's are utilised with NCA planning. Plans for 2022/23 include preparation for Liberty Protection Safeguards and the strengthening of governance at care organisations.

PCFT explained on their return that the Trust has a clear framework which is key to providing this organisation assurance that safeguarding standards are measured and met. Alongside compliance, a series of 'lunch and learns' and safeguarding briefings have been developed to reflect emerging themes. The safeguarding team has had a number of organisational changes but has continued to provide advice support and guidance. The new team have developed system improvements to ensure record management is robust.



NWAS provided their safeguarding annual report which highlights continued recording of safeguarding data, auditing and safeguarding training. NWAS regularly contributes information to Board and Partnership across a range of agendas including Rapid Reviews and SAR requests. The report highlights safeguarding learning that has been implemented which include bespoke system improvements to alert safeguarding concerns early and recruitment of specialised safeguarding staff members.

Rochdale & District Mind have spent considerable time updating their Safeguarding Policy and consulted RBSB for support with this process. A member of the Senior Management Team has recently been appointed as designated as the Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Rochdale and District Mind is a member of Rochdale Borough Adults Safeguarding Board (RBSAB) and the DSL is a regular attendee of meetings and reviews. All staff must complete the Safeguarding Adults and Safeguarding Children training during their induction.

Rochdale Advocacy Together Hub have had a busy year delivering Advocacy Support under the Care Act, Mental Capacity Act, Mental Health Act and NHS Complaints. 1282 vulnerable individuals were in support with our service between April 2021 and March 2022. During 2021/22 Advocacy together have identified training requirements for medical professionals in relation to duties with the Mental Capacity Act and plan to raise awareness as a priority in 2022/23.

Adult Social Care are proud of the work that has continued despite challenges faced via COVID-19 and workforce change. They have been innovative using voice assisted technologies to allow for independent living and creating safe space buildings for those with learning disabilities or facing social isolation. The Quality Assurance Team have recommenced targeted support and guidance in residential and nursing homes utilising quality monitoring based on key areas of CQC key lines of enquiry. In Feb 2022 the Principal Social Worker chaired the first MRM Executive which aims to provide oversight and audit in complex cases. Adult Social Care had its strong local partnerships and robust planning in cases of radicalisation celebrated by GMCP. Plans and involvement to be a key contributor to Domestic Abuse and Liberty Protection Safeguards are well underway. ASC has contributed to RBSAB via information sharing, regular attendance to board meetings and providing personal to develop and deliver numerous training courses.

Children's Social Services described a Focus Visit by Ofsted as follows: Service recognised that although considerably progress had been made, areas of work still required further support and development to raise the standards to Good. The visit highlighted gaps that Service were aware of and work had commenced to find solutions. Actions that have taken place has been reduced caseloads across the team to focus on capacity for Quality Assurance and Practice Improvement. Embedded new practice standards both within Safeguarding Children unit and across Children's Social Services, both of which are currently being embedded. The aim of this is to support practice improvement, encourage and develop the relational practice to improve outcomes for our children. Focus on the voice of the child has been maintained and children / young people becoming actively involved in design of service provision, recruitment and direct impact on their individual plans. Children's Social Services are proud of developments that happened during 2021-22 and a small selection of highlights are development of services such as NEST and Supervising Social Worker working directly with School DSL's. Introduction of the Mockingbird model and implementation of new Relational style protection case conferences.

Our Priorities 2022 – 2024

RBSAB and RBSCP priorities were developed with the Executive Group and ratified on 19th of August 2022. The Board and Partnerships Strategic “Plan on a Page” and detailed journey of how we will achieve our priorities can be found by clicking on each picture.

Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2022 - 2024



Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board - Who we are?

The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under the Care Act 2014. The main focus of the SAB is to ensure that in the Rochdale Borough, safeguarding arrangements work effectively so that Adults at risk are able to live their lives free from abuse or neglect.

An Adult at risk is a person aged 18 or over who has care and support needs as a result of these needs is unable to protect themselves from either risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect.

In this plan we call the Adult at risk the 'Adult'.

Our Principles.

Principles of the RBSAB reflect our 'business as usual safeguarding activities'. With our partners we commit to ensuring:

- Adults are safeguarded and their welfare promoted
- Partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable adults;
- Partners provide safeguarding assurance, challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively.
- Information is shared effectively within and across organisations to ensure more accurate and timely decision making and action;
- There is focus on adults – their voice is heard, their outcomes personalised and their lived experience seen and understood

How will we work?

All work and actions undertaken will reflect and promote the ethos in Rochdale of relational working and trauma informed practice. Our responses will be strength based and keep the wellbeing and rights of Adults at the centre of all that we do.

Our work will be continuously coordinated and evaluated to fulfil RBSAB statutory responsibilities under the Care Act 2014 and reflect the six key safeguarding principles of: **Empowerment, Protection, Prevention, Proportionate, Partnerships, Accountable**

How our priority areas were developed

In developing the RBSAB priorities for 2022 to 2024 it was important to build on work undertaken over the last 2 years some of which has been impacted by the Covid-19 response. The priority areas were identified through a multi-agency process where all RBSAB partners provided information regarding safeguarding priorities within their own organisations and contributed to a wider discussion and agreement regarding priority areas for the RBSAB. The priorities have also been informed by local safeguarding adult reviews, multi-agency audits, and local and national serious safeguarding issues.

The structure of the RBSAB

The Executive Safeguarding Partners of the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Board (RBSAB) have responsibility to coordinate safeguarding services, to act as the strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others in the work of safeguarding adults, promoting their welfare, obtaining assurance and implementing local and national learning.

The RBSAB Business Unit on behalf of the RBSAB Executive, our other partner agencies and through the work of our sub-groups produces a Safeguarding Adults Strategic Business Plan which identifies the priorities of the RBSAB.

The RBSAB works closely with the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership and Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership to ensure all priorities are aligned.

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If you feel an adult is in immediate danger please contact the police on 999

Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership Strategic Plan 2022 - 2024



Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership. Who we are?

The Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under the Children Act 1989, the Children Act 2004, the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and statutory guidance Working Together 2018.

The main focus of the SCP is to ensure that in the Rochdale Borough, safeguarding arrangements work effectively so that all children and young people are protected from abuse.

Our Principles - The principles of the RBSCP reflect our 'business as usual safeguarding activities'. With our partners we commit to ensuring:

- Children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted
- Partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children;
- Partners provide safeguarding assurance, challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively.
- Information is shared effectively within and across organisations to ensure more accurate and timely decision making and action for children and families;
- There is focus on children and families – their voice is heard, and their lived experience seen and understood.

How will we work?

All work and actions undertaken will reflect and promote the ethos in Rochdale of relational working and trauma informed practice. Our responses will be strength based and keep the wellbeing and rights of children and young people at the centre of all that we do.

Our work will be continuously coordinated and evaluated to fulfil RBSCP statutory responsibilities.

How our priority areas were developed

In developing the RBSCP priorities for 2022 to 2024 it was important to build on work undertaken over the last 2 years some of which has been impacted by the Covid-19 response. The priority areas were identified through a multi-agency process where all RBSCP partners provided information regarding safeguarding priorities within their own organisations and contributed to a wider discussion and agreement regarding priority areas for the RBSCP. The priorities have also been informed by local child safeguarding practice reviews, multi-agency audits, and local and national serious safeguarding issues.

The structure of the RBSCP.

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The RBSCP Business Unit on behalf of the RBSCP Executive, our other partner agencies and through the work of our sub-groups produces a Safeguarding Children Strategic Business Plan which identifies the priorities of the RBSCP.

The RBSCP works closely with the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board, the Rochdale Children and Young Peoples Partnership and Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership to ensure all priorities are aligned.

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Alternatively you can contact the **NSPCC 24/7** on **0800 800 5000**

Worried about an adult?

Please call **0300 303 8886** to speak to someone in Rochdale's Adult Social Care about your concerns or email adult.care@rochdale.gov.uk

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