

**Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults**

**Board**

**Strategic Plan 2022**

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**2024**

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**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 as risk the ‘Adult’.**

**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.

**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**

Indeveloping 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.

**If you concerned that an adult has or is suffering harm, neglect or abuse please call 0300 303 8886.**

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









