

Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board

Strategic Plan 2019 - 2022

Our vision is that people in the Rochdale Borough feel safe and are free from abuse and neglect.

Our mission is to work effectively together and put the Adult at the centre of everything we do



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 and as a result of these needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect.

Unpaid carers such as partners, relatives or friends can also get help and support if they are being abused.

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

What we plan to do

We will work together with partner agencies and people in our communities so that Adults can live the best lives they can with their wellbeing and rights being supported, safe from abuse and neglect.

Our work will follow the six Safeguarding Principles, which are: **Empowerment; Protection; Prevention; Partnership, Accountability and Proportionality.**

How are we going to do this?

We are going to work on three areas of equal importance, which will be our priorities. We will continue to work with our partners to make sure that by 2022 these priorities will be achieved.

How will we know if we have achieved our priorities?

We will measure our progress and achievements through our Business Plan which will be regularly updated and reviewed at every Board meeting as a standing item.

The structure of the Safeguarding Adults Board - How we will work

- * Board with an Independent Chair
- * Quality Assurance and Engagement Sub-group
- * Policy and Procedures Sub-group
- * Complex Safeguarding Sub-group
- * Learning, Development and Communications Sub-group
- * Excellence in Practice Sub-group
- * Safeguarding Adult Review Screening Sub-group
- * Safeguarding Adult Review Sub-group
- * Community Safeguarding Forum
- * Task Groups (working groups)

Key Objectives

What do we want?

What will we do?

How will we do it?

How will we know we have done it?

How will we know that we have improved an Adult's life?

PRIORITY

1

People and Outcomes

Adults will have choice and control when going through the safeguarding journey. Their views and wishes will be listened to and will be at the heart of any decisions made.

Make Safeguarding Personal and support Adults at risk to achieve the outcomes they want.

- 1.1 We will support and require assurance from partners that they are embedding Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) throughout their organisations.
- 1.2 We will seek assurance from Adults who have been through safeguarding services to ensure MSP is being implemented and to learn how we can work better.
- 1.3 We will develop a Safeguarding Voice Group so that the voices of people in our communities are heard and inform our work.
- 1.4 We will do more work with other user-led groups so that the voices of diverse people are heard.

We will seek the views of the new Safeguarding Voice Group. We will use audits, surveys, questionnaires, focus groups and case file audits to ensure we are achieving this.

The Adult will feel listened to, safer and be in control



PRIORITY

2

Systems, Processes and Performance

Adults who have been abused or are at risk of abuse will be protected and we will know if our safeguarding arrangements work well.

Make sure that all services have appropriate systems and processes in place to support and safeguard Adults effectively.

- 2.1 We will continue to scrutinise and improve systems and processes across the SAB partnership.
- 2.2 We will develop methods to seek assurance that the Care Act, Mental Capacity Act and Human Rights Act are lawfully implemented by partners and organisations.
- 2.3 We will implement and review the impact of the new Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures.
- 2.4 We will develop new local guidance on roles and responsibilities.
- 2.5 We will work with the Safeguarding Children's partnership to assess and learn from complex needs and complex safeguarding concerns to improve practice.

We will know we are achieving this by evaluating evidence and eliciting feedback from partners, Carers organisations, advocacy services and the use of questionnaires, surveys and case file audits.

The Adult will feel safer and happy with the actions taken to keep them safe



PRIORITY

3

Organisations, Professionals and Communities

Everyone recognises what abuse is and responds appropriately

Make sure that partners, organisations and communities work together to prevent abuse from happening.

- 3.1 We will improve awareness of safeguarding across all communities including those who are isolated, diverse and under-represented by reviewing our communications strategy and developing a measurable communications and campaigning action plan.
- 3.2 Through our training strategy and action plan we will continue to develop the current training programme and review and implement training requirements.
- 3.3 We will refresh our Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Sub-group. The group will lead the SAR work ensuring that lessons are learnt on what went wrong when an Adult dies or has experienced serious abuse or neglect, including national learning.

We will know we are meeting this objective by correlating safeguarding referrals with communication and campaigning activity, evaluating impact reports from training courses and auditing how the learning from SARs is implemented across partner agencies.

Adults will feel more confident by being better informed, engaged, supported to feel safe and promote the safeguarding of others

