

Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board

Strategic Plan 2024 - 2026



Who we are?

The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under the Care Act 2014. The focus of the SAB is to be assured that safeguarding arrangements work effectively in the borough of Rochdale. This to reduce the impact of Adult safeguarding risks, and ensure Adults are able to live their lives free from abuse or neglect.

The RBSAB is a committee of members which include Rochdale Borough Council, Greater Manchester Police, GM NHC ICB, Probation Service, Healthwatch, GM Fire & Rescue Service and other organisations where safeguarding is important to their business activity

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.

Our Priorities.

Our Priorities are detailed below. RBSABs strategic priorities are directly linked to responsibilities as defined in the Care Act 2014.

Our priorities define the shared vision of adult safeguarding across RBSAB membership organisations.

We will:

Seek safeguarding assurance for all people. Ensure safeguarding systems, pathways and transitions are effective. Ensure prevention is high on the safeguarding agenda. Work with adults, communities and other partnership boards effectively.

Our Objectives.

Our Objectives define the specific areas in which RBSAB will undertake assurance activity to achieve our priorities.

The objectives have been defined from an analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs). The SARs identified learning in areas of safeguarding practice, the RBSAB will be assured that this learning is embedded and works effectively for safeguarding adults in our borough.

Our Statements of intent.

For each objective, the RBSAB will apply our Statements of intent. The statements of intent will help shape the actions and activity which will take place in RBSAB Subgroups.

Each Subgroup will report the successes and challenges of achieving objectives back to the Board and Independent Chair. RBSAB will report these findings in a published annual report.

The RBSAB Strategic Plan

The Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Board (RBSAB) hold the responsibility to be assured of safeguarding services in our borough, and that they are effective in ensuring an Adult can live a life free from abuse and neglect. The RBSAB acts as the strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others in the work of safeguarding adults. RBSAB is also seeks learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and is responsible for ensuring our membership is embedding learning into safeguarding practice.

The RBSAB Strategic Plan identifies how members will allocate resources and undertake actions to ensure we meet our strategic safeguarding aims. The RBSAB Independent Chair will hold members accountable in achieving the strategic plan via independent scrutiny as detailed in our Constitution.

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

If you are 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

The RBSAB Strategic Priorities are the shared vision of safeguarding priorities for all member agencies in the borough of Rochdale.

RBSAB strategic priorities	
1. Safeguarding assurance for all people.	<p>Related sections of the Care Act Care Act 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1: Wellbeing principle Sections 6-7: Cooperation generally and in specific cases Section 9: Assessment of people with Care and Support Needs Sections 42-43: Safeguarding enquiries and Safeguarding Adults Board Sections 68: Independent advocacy support
RBSAB services delivery of safeguarding is person centred and effective. Services manage risks <u>with</u> people and recognise what makes people feel safe, supported and understood.	
2. Safeguarding systems, pathways and transitions.	<p>Related sections of the Care Act Care Act 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1: Wellbeing principle Sections 6-7: Cooperation generally and in specific cases Section 19(3): Power to meet needs for care and support Section 37(1), (3), (4), (5)(a), (e), (f), and (6) to (15); Section 38(1)(a) and (2) to (8): Continuity of care and support when adult moves Section 48: Provider Failure (Temporary duty to provide services) Section 58-65: Transition from childhood
RBSAB services ensure effective multi-agency leadership & governance in which the local continuity of care is understood and effectively managed. Safeguarding business processes are informed by people to ensure that the safety and well-being of adults who are subject to, or at risk of, abuse and neglect is person centred. Learning from safeguarding adult reviews and other key areas of practice improvement are implemented. Effective independent scrutiny of safeguarding systems occurs regularly.	
3. Prevention and safeguarding	<p>Related sections of the Care Act Care Act 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1: Wellbeing principle Section 2: Preventing needs for care and support Section 4: Providing information and advice Section 9: Assessment of people with Care and Support Needs Section 58-65: Transition from childhood
RBSAB partners support safeguarding adults by ensuring effective prevention activity is delivered consistently. RBSAB partners utilise local resources and national learning to reduce risks associated with harm and abuse and promote independence and wellbeing. Partners assure practice is built on making safeguarding personal and developing relationships to work with adults achieves effective outcomes that have been co-designed and reduces the risks of escalating harm.	
4. Safeguarding Partnerships and communities.	<p>Related sections of the Care Act Care Act 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1: Wellbeing principle Section 2: Preventing needs for care and support Section 4: Providing information and advice Sections 6-7: Co-operation generally and in specific cases Sections 67: Independent advocacy support
RBSAB will engage and communicate with people in the local community to understand what their concerns are and raise awareness to prevent neglect and abuse before it happens. This will informed by working with local groups such as Healthwatch and the voluntary sector RBSAB will improve joint working with affiliated safeguarding groups including RBSCP, Healthwatch, Safer Communities Partnership and Integrated Care Boards to align and share best practice, learn from each other and understand where shared strategic priorities exist.	

The 2024 – 2026 objectives will seek to assist RBSAB in meeting its strategic priorities. They have been defined via learning from SARs or joint SAR/DHRs. For each objective, we will apply the statements of intent to ensure all partners are providing assurance of effective safeguarding activity.

Objective 1: Reducing the impact of self-neglect.

Objective 2: Mental Health Pathways

Objective 3: Effective support for victims of domestic abuse

Objective 4: Safeguarding adolescents

Statements of intent.

1. We will embed the Team about the adult principles.
2. We will ensure SAR recommendations are embedded.
3. We will assure processes and policies are followed in practice and are effective for outcomes.
4. We will review existing strategies and agree multi-agency approaches.
5. We will listen to voice and co-design with adults.
6. We will ensure cultural competence is practised consistently.
7. We will be confident Mental Capacity Assessment is understood widely.
8. We will be assured concern, contact and S42 processes are followed by all, and outcomes are effective and communicated well.

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