

Public Minutes – Edition 5: December 2023



Safeguarding Awareness Week – 2023

The Safeguarding Adults and Safeguarding Children's Boards worked together to

Provide safeguarding information to the public, to help them feel more confident about sharing concerns about the safety of adults and children. We had stalls in the town centre markets all week, giving out information about a wide range of organisations providing help and support to adults, children, and families. The Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE), customer group linked to the Board, spoke with over 50 lovely people, and gave out safeguarding bookmarks and other safeguarding resources. If you would like more information about the work of the SAFE group please email safeguardingadultsservice@barnsley.gov.uk

To see what resources are available please go to <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/adult-health-and-social-care/keeping-safe/report-adult-abuse/>

Our February newsletter will include more information about the week and its impact.

Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board considers its priorities from 2024.

Members of the Safeguarding Board and its sub groups met to talk about what areas it will focus on from April 2024. The Board will approve the new strategic plan at its first meeting in 2024 and placed on our webpages. We committed to work on the following: -

- Increasing our links with residents of Barnsley to help them to identify and report safeguarding adults' concerns.
- Identify ways to prevent harm and abuse by collaborating with customers, their families to find out what will help us do this work well (co-production)
- Helping young people to move safely and confidently into adulthood (working closely with the Safeguarding Children's partnership)
- Making sure that we learn from reviews of deaths, locally, regionally, and nationally and help workers to change their practice to reflect this learning.
- Continuing to deliver a **free** high quality multi-agency training programme.

If you would like to suggest any areas for us to work on from 2024, please email the board manager – CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk.

Safeguarding adults' resources

If you are a volunteer and would like any of the following resources, which will need to be collected from Westgate, please contact safeguardingadultsservice@barnsley.gov.uk

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/bwebdkql/safeguarding-bookmark-v2.pdf>

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/dlckdkqt/safeguarding-adults-leaflet-v2.pdf>

Joint work with Healthwatch to explore what the public know about safeguarding adults.

Healthwatch Barnsley are currently running a survey to find out what people know about Adult Safeguarding. The types of questions we are asking are:

- Who do you think is at risk of harm?
- What types of issues do you think could harm people?
- Who would you contact if you thought someone was at risk?

Please spare a few minutes to fill out our survey to improve care and make sure that all adults can recognise the first signs of harm and neglect. The closing date is 22nd December 2023 at noon.

[Take the survey.](#)