

Public Minutes – Edition 4: September 2023



Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board is attended by senior managers from:

- Barnsley Council for Voluntary Services
- Barnsley Council and a legal representative who works on behalf of the Board
- Barnsley College
- Barnsley Hospital
- Department of Work and Pensions
- NHS South Yorkshire - Barnsley Place (was the Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Berneslai Homes
- Healthwatch
- Northern College
- Probation
- Southwest Yorkshire Foundation Trust (Mental Health and community nursing services)
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- South Yorkshire Police

It has an Independent Chair, who does not work for any of the organizations listed above and a councilor attends too.

The Board and its five subgroups meet bi-monthly.

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The Board have committed to produce a summary of its activities every two months, if you have any questions please contact the Board manager – CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk

What was talked about	Decisions/Action
<p>1 We heard from Adult Joint Commissioning about their plans to Change the way people are supported to live at home by asking organizations to tell us they want to do this work and making sure they meet the new contract criteria. This will be in place before the end of the year. Help care homes to deliver high quality care, this will include :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular meetings with providers• Strengthening the links between care homes and GPs and other health professionals• Re-establishing a Quality Improvement Panel attended by Social Care, Adult Joint Commissioning and a wide range of health professionals.• Care homes will be offered free training around falls management, managing tissue viability, giving medication safely etc	<p>The Board thanked Adult Joint Commissioning for attending and agreed that they would provide quarterly information to the performance sub group and annual updates to the Board</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letting care homes know they can get free safeguarding training from the Board 	
2	Learning and Development subgroup asked the Board to support them to deliver a local training event for Care Providers early in 2024 to provide information about People in Positions of Trust and referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Services, safeguarding training and the option to become accredited trainers	The Board supported this request
3	The customer group (SAFE) – Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience asked the Board to support them to produce a public facing annual report. The SAFE group volunteered two people to attend the development event	The Board supported this request. Once agreed it will be available on the webpage. The Board thanked the group for their offer and agreed to invite the volunteers
4	The annual report was discussed at Barnsley scrutiny panel, and it was suggested that elected members consider running local events to increase public awareness of how to stay safe and/or report harm and abuse. The Board was asked to consider if we could do more to reach groups that may struggle to get information about staying safe (people with learning disabilities, people who don't speak English etc.)	The lead member for safeguarding agreed to talk to councilors about this proposal. The Board agreed to add this request to their planned development event in November
5	We want to involve customers/people who live in Barnsley to help us keep people safe. We have a customer group but are keen to make links with other groups.	Agreed that we will talk to other organizations who are working with customer groups to share information and work together. An update will be brought back to a future meeting
6	We heard from Adult Social Care about the work they are doing to record details of workers and volunteers who have harmed adults	The Board thanked Adult Social Care for their work and asked them to share information about numbers of workers at future meetings
7	We heard from business intelligence within the Council, who produce our safeguarding information, about the work of a consultant who has been employed on a short-term contract to help us improve the quality of the safeguarding data.	The Board is keen to make sure that this is completed promptly. An update will be provided to the December Board meeting and every meeting until we are satisfied that we have safeguarding data give us what we need to keep people safe
8	As we are due to review our strategic plan-what we will work on from 2024 onwards. To help us do this we are going to hold a development event for Board members	The Board members committed to attend this event in November and use this information to keep people safe in Barnsley.
9	New safeguarding resources – the Board heard about bookmarks for the public, hoarding Z cards to help workers and volunteers identify hoarding and seek help.	We will put the resources on the webpage, if they might be helpful to any groups you are involved with, please contact the Board manager. CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk
10	The Board heard about our plans for Safeguarding Awareness Week (20 – 24 November) and the South Yorkshire launch event which Rotherham will host	Board members committed to attend this event to share good practice