

The Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board has three core duties:

- To tell the public what we're going to work on during the year and how that will keep people safe from harm (our strategic plan).
- To publish a report that tells you if we have made a difference to people's safety, including people's stories.
- To consider if we need to explore why people who were experiencing harm died. These are called Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

The overarching purpose of the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board is to help safeguard adults with care and support needs. It does this by:

- Making sure that we are meeting the legal requirements set out in The Care 2014 and statutory guidance.
- Asking all workers and organisations to work closely with the adult or their advocate to make sure that they are helped to stop harm (Making Safeguarding Personal).
- Working together with organisations to prevent harm and abuse and to deliver the Board's workplan.
- Working promptly to stop harm and abuse.
- Looking to get better every year at keeping adults safe by using local, regional and national best practice.

Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board structure:

- Independent Chair.
- Four Safeguarding Adults Board meetings a year.
- Four sub-groups that meet quarterly.
- Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE).
- Safeguarding Adults Review panel as required.



What we need to focus on:

- Reducing the number of safeguarding referrals that don't need a safeguarding response from workers and volunteers.
- Increasing public knowledge of safeguarding.



Priority One

To work with the public and all organisations in Barnsley to prevent adults being harmed in Barnsley.

What we will do:

- All organisations will be asked to show us how they're keeping adults safe every three months.
- Work with other Safeguarding Boards to make sure young people have the best chance to be safe as they become adults.
- Work with other Boards to help adults who need care or support to stay safe to have somewhere warm and affordable to live.
- Work with care homes and care services to make sure they're offering the best possible care.

Priority Two

To help people in Barnsley to identify and share concerns about harm to adults.

What we will do:

- Ask adults who have been helped to stop harm or abuse to tell us what we did well and how we can improve. This will help us improve our training, leaflets and guidance.
- Work with all customer groups to support them in recognising and responding to harm and abuse.
- Create a network of Safeguarding Champions who help increase public knowledge of support.
- Run a public-facing Safeguarding Awareness Week every November.

Priority Three

Work with the adult to deliver what they want to keep them safe.

What we will do:

- Ask all workers and organisations to talk to the adult and seek their permission before reporting their concerns to the Council.
- Offer services and support to reduce the risk of harm.
- Work with the Police, health and others to offer the best options to adults who need help to stay safe.
- Ask the adult to tell us what they need and try to deliver that to make them feel safer.
- Use people's experiences to improve the way we support adults who are being harmed or abused.

Priority Four

Use learning from local and national reviews to help us deliver the best possible support in Barnsley.

What we will do:

- Regularly update training to reflect changes to law, learning from reviews and best practice.
- Ensure organisations offer high-quality training that supports staff and volunteers to recognise when an adult needs help.
- Learn from cases and reviews involving death or harm to see if we can improve practice.
- Create a training resource bank to support organisations to deliver high-quality training.
- Check learning is helping workers deliver the best possible support.