



### **Bereavement and safeguarding (self-neglect and /or hoarding)**

The Board heard of a gentleman who died in hospital who had not been looking after himself and refusing contact with his GP, hospital etc despite encouragement from his family. His unwillingness to look after himself was directly linked to the death of his wife that he had not come to terms with. Many other adults who die because of self-neglect (or suicides) have not recovered from the death of a loved one.

The Board would like to encourage people to seek support when they lose a loved one via their GP or by contacting local bereavement services.

More information can be found here - <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/deaths-and-funerals/bereavement-support-groups/>

### **Free training for workers and volunteers**

The Board provides free training and has recently updated its training strategy and programme. If you are involved in a community group and would like to increase your knowledge of safeguarding adults or the mental capacity act please contact [SABTraining@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:SABTraining@barnsley.gov.uk)

### **Rough sleepers and safeguarding**

Most rough sleepers die before the age of 50, and have a history of trauma (abuse, exploitation, bereavement etc). The majority have health issues and struggle to get access to GPs as they don't have an address. The Department of Health and Social Care and the Department of Housing, Levelling up and Communities have asked Safeguarding Adults Boards to make sure that we are doing all we can to protect this group of adults. If you are concerned about a rough sleeper, please contact 0808 196 3530 or [adviceservices@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:adviceservices@barnsley.gov.uk)

### **Our plans for 2024 – 25**

We have produced a one-page plan to explain what we will be working on this year. It can be found here –

If you would like to comment on the plan, please contact [CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk)

### **Safeguarding Awareness Week 2024 (17 – 23 November)**

We will be holding a week-long event across South Yorkshire. We have started to work on the events we will hold in Barnsley. If you would like us to include any topics relating to the safety of adults or children, please do contact us – [CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk)

### **Care providers conference – 8 July 2024**

We are holding a conference for Barnsley care providers to give them information about

- Our new adult safeguarding decision support tool, to help them to identify what they need to send to safeguarding/adult social care
- How to respond to workers or volunteers who have caused harm (People in Positions of Trust)
- Introduce them to the new Care Homes Team
- Offer them an opportunity to network.

### **2023/24 Annual Report**

The Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE) sub group of the Board helped us to decide on the content and format of the annual report. The Board has agreed that they would fund the production of an animated video that will have text on it to make sure that all members of the public will be able to see what we have been doing to keep adults safe.

We will share the final version with you, and it will be available on our website.

### **Safeguarding champions**

We are working with Healthwatch to create a network of safeguarding champions in voluntary organisations, community groups who can help cascade information about safeguarding adults and how to get help. If you would like more information about becoming a champion, please contact Tracy at Healthwatch.

[tracy.hughes@healthwatchbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:tracy.hughes@healthwatchbarnsley.org.uk) or Cath Erine (Board Manager) – [CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk)

### **Safeguarding Adults Resources**

We have the following resources available for community groups, please contact us if you would like some for your group.

- Bookmarks
- Leaflets
- Hoarding post cards

To arrange this please contact – [CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk)