

Public Facing Minutes – BSAB – October 2024

New Chair needed for Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our Chair – Marianne Huison in November. We are searching for someone to replace her.

Interviews will take place in October, we will provide information in our next newsletter

Safeguarding Awareness Week – 18 – 22 November 2024

Barnsley Adults and Children's Boards are supporting a week of events to increase people's knowledge of and confidence in safeguarding.

During the week, the following things will be taking place

- We will have stalls in the markets all week, providing information on how to
 - Avoid being scammed
 - Stay warm
 - Get free or reduced cost food
 - Find out about organisations who can help you with housing, antisocial behaviour, safeguarding, support for carers etc

Full details will be posted on the Market's Facebook page – look out for details

If your organisation would like to be involved, please email safeguardingadultsservice@barnsley.gov.uk for a copy of the market's rota.

We are keen to run a half day customer facing event in the town hall to bring together the key organisations in one place for to give people a chance to get all the information they need in one place. If you would like more details, please email sabtraining@barnsley.gov.uk or phone Cath on 07786525864

A radio ad will run all week on local stations – listen out for it!

Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Annual Report

We asked customers what would help them understand what the Board has done in the last year and how we have helped people to stop harm and feel safe.

We have produced four videos

1. What is the Board and how does it work: <https://youtu.be/r8WqN7VA7KI>
2. What is safeguarding and how does it help people feel safe: <https://youtu.be/zQzKA-Tahmw>
3. What has the Board done in the last year to keep people safe: <https://youtu.be/PyqwfNidmQo>
4. A case study based on one adult's experience of safeguarding: <https://youtu.be/zMeateDQenQ>

The Board has a legal duty to review the deaths of adults, or cases when adults have been seriously harmed and organisations may not have worked well together. We have summarised the safeguarding adults reviews we have completed in the year.

Safeguarding Community Champions

Working jointly with our safeguarding adult's engagement officer based in Healthwatch we have recruited over 20 volunteers to be a local contact for members of the public/community and voluntary groups. They will be supported with some training and a resource pack to signpost people worried about their own or other people's safety to organisations who can help. For more information about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Tracy Hughes - tracy.hughes@healthwatchbarnsley.org.uk

Safeguarding Adults Review – Tony

Safeguarding Adults Board have a duty to look at the deaths of adults when we know or believe they have been harmed and we think that partners may not have worked well together to keep them safe. Tony, sadly, died because of self-neglect.

We are grateful to Tony's family for their involvement in the review which will be available on the website in full and as a short briefing [ADD LINK](#)

The Board will check all the actions agreed to make sure that the learning we identified will be put into practice.

Would you like to join the Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE) subgroup

Barnsley Safeguarding Board is committed to hearing the voices of adults who have been supported to stop harm or abuse, been or are a carer, or have been supported by social care, mental health, or other organisations.

We meet every two months to help the Board to work on the areas that will help adults to stay safe

If you would like more information, please contact Cath Erine – Board Manager via email – catherine@barnsley.gov.uk or ring 07786525864

If you would like to know more about the Board and its subgroups – please visit [Safeguarding adults in Barnsley](#)

Can you help people with learning disabilities to use libraries and read?

Are you looking for a way to help others, develop your skills, build your confidence, make new friends, and have a good time?

We're getting ready to launch a new reading group for people who may have a learning disability using the wonderfully accessible [Books Beyond Words](#), a series of word-free picture stories. We're looking for volunteers to help run these sessions in our libraries, creating a safe space for people who can read pictures to make friends, talk about the issues that affected their lives and most importantly, have fun!

You can do this by yourself or with a friend, family member or support worker. You can make the group your own, with friendly colleagues from Barnsley Libraries on hand to provide training and support until you feel comfortable.

<https://my.barnsley.gov.uk/form/apply-to-become-a-volunteer-at-barnsley-libraries/your-details>