

Strategy for Safeguarding Adults in the West of Berkshire 2018 -2021

The aims and priorities in this Strategy are aligned with the [Six Principles of Adult Safeguarding](#) contained in the Care Act and are consistent with the ideal of [Making Safeguarding Personal](#):

- **Empowerment:** *'I am asked what I want as outcomes from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens'*
- **Prevention:** *'I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help'*
- **Proportionality:** *'I am sure that the professionals will work for my best interests, as I see them, and they will get involved as much as needed'*
- **Protection:** *'I get help and support to report abuse. I get help to take part in the safeguarding process to the extent to which I want and to which I am able'*
- **Partnership:** *'I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary. I am confident that professionals will work together to get the best results for me'*
- **Accountability:** *'I understand the role of everyone in my life'*

Aims of the West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board

Prevention – adults at risk of abuse or neglect are able to protect themselves from harm and help each other.

Choice and Empowerment – adults make informed decisions and choices and manage the risks they take.

Listening and Engaging – the views and experiences of adults who use services, patients, carers and staff are used to improve and develop services across the partnership.

Standards and Accountability – people at risk of abuse or neglect using care and support agencies receive appropriate services that keep them safe and respect their dignity at all times.

Access and Protection – West of Berkshire residents have fair and equitable access to services across the safeguarding partnership.

Our Priorities 2019-2020 – revised September 2020

Priorities from 2019-20 were carried over to 2020-21 as there were delays in completion due to the pandemic.

Priority 1 - We will continue to work on outstanding actions from the 2019/20 from the following priorities:

- Priority 1 2019-20, We will provide the partnership with the tools and framework to work effectively with people who Self-Neglect
- Priority 2 2019 -20, The SAB will work collaboratively with Local Safeguarding Children Boards, Community Safety Partnerships and Health and Wellbeing Boards to provide the workforce with the frameworks and tools to work with Vulnerable Adults who are at risk of Domestic Abuse.
- Priority 3 2019-20, We will understand the main risks to our local population in regard to Targeted Exploitation and agree how best to equip the partnership to Safeguard vulnerable people against these risks.

Priority 2 – The SAB will seek to understand the impact the pandemic has had on Adult Safeguarding locally.

Priority 3 – The SAB will continue to carry out the business as usual tasks in order to comply with its statutory obligations.

Implementation and Monitoring

Implementation of this Strategy will be achieved through the work of the Subgroups and through delivery of the actions in the Business Plan.

An annual Business Plan has been developed which gives detail about how the priorities of this Strategy will be implemented. The Business Plan includes key actions that partner agencies have committed to delivering in the next year. Progress against the Business Plan will be reported to the Safeguarding Adults Board at six monthly intervals and the Annual Report will provide an overview of achievements and any areas for further development.

Although the Strategy is a three-year plan, it will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated where necessary. The priorities of the strategy were updated in September 2020.