

Our Vision

"We will support adults at risk of harm to prevent abuse happening; when it does occur, we will act swiftly to achieve good outcomes."

Prevention

Support people to identify and report signs of abuse and suspected criminal offences. This will involve training staff and considering how we make our local community safer in all our work.

Early Intervention

We will aim to ensure when abuse occurs, we will provide support aimed at removing or reducing risks or reoccurrence.

User/Carer Voice

Ensure the user's voice is heard throughout the adult protection process and user feedback is used to inform future practice. Where an individual lacks capacity, we will act in their best interests.

Awareness Raising

Establish and maintain a wide range of awareness raising initiatives across partner agencies that provide individuals with the right information about how to recognise abuse and how to keep themselves safe.

What will we achieve?

- 1) Provide information and advice in accessible ways to support adults to remain as safe as possible.
- 2) Engage with wider communities and seldom heard groups.
- 3) Reduce opportunities for abuse, neglect or exploitation to occur by working with commissioners and organisations.

- 1) Reduce the number of repeat referrals for both S42's and adult protection
- 2) Strengthen links between safeguarding and commissioners to address areas of concern swiftly and reduce executive planning processes.
- 3) Improve early intervention responses and ownership by organisations.

- 1) Increase opportunities to engage with adults and carers on safeguarding issues.
- 2) Increase measures of impact of effective safeguarding in board reporting.
- 3) Ensure adults with care and support needs are central to all safeguarding intervention.

- 1) Improve engagement and communication opportunities to a wide range of groups and communities
- 2) Work with other partnerships to target specific issues of concern
- 3) Provide a range of learning opportunities to the wider service sector.

How will we do it?

Prevention – by empowering adults to keep themselves safe.
Partnership – Engage with seldom heard groups to reduce barriers to reporting concerns and engage with communities.
Prevention – guidance to inform upon the minimum expectations for safeguarding to wider community organisations, voluntary and faith settings and education.

Proportionality – Review reported concerns and responses against our risk support tool.
Prevention – Improve early identification of concerns across all agencies.
Promotion of 'dignity' in all care provision.
Accountability – Use 'outcomes' data to help us to identify improvements.

Empowerment – raise awareness of how to report a concern.
Proportionality – provide advice and support to adults who choose to live with risk, to help them to make informed decisions about safeguarding.
Protection – provide robust evidence of multi-agency data to support us in ensuring that those in need of protection achieve good outcomes.
Partnership – Work in partnership with the wider sector and with adults and carers to help them to maintain their wellbeing and resilience.

Protection – Adults with care and support needs will know what safeguarding is and how to protect themselves
Partnership – Develop stronger links with wider partnerships to prevent duplication and focus upon specific issues.
Accountability – promotion of a common understanding across the wider workforce of the importance of effective information sharing.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW

We need to know our communities and the issues that affect them in relation to safeguarding. We need to work with organisations to reduce risks.

WHAT MAY ORGANISATIONS NEED

Guidance and support to be able to prevent further risk with confidence.

Adults and Carers

Adults and Carers will be able to share their experience, ensure their voice is heard to help us to shape practice.

People and Practitioners

Adults with care and support needs will inform future communications. The wider workforce will understand their roles and responsibilities.