



HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

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Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board

Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 -2028 REFRESH

- January 2025 – Development Session with all Safeguarding Partners
- March 2025 – First Draft plan – 5 new Strategic Objectives to Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board
- June 2025 – Revised Draft Plan – to Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board
- June 2025 - All Board Members agree on the new Strategic Objectives
- September 2025 – Refreshed report presented to Adult Social Care Senior Leadership Team

RSAB NEW PRIORITIES

Strategic Objective 1 – Communication, Engagement, and Voice

Improving safeguarding awareness across all residents, communities, and partner organisations.

- We will work to ensure the residents of Rotherham are heard by the safeguarding partnership.
- We will work with communities across Rotherham to promote the work of the RSAB and raise awareness of safeguarding issues.
- We will work to ensure that the voices of seldom-heard people are heard by the RSAB. We will establish a Customer Voice subgroup to include RASCALs, Healthwatch, and Advocacy to support this aim.

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Strategic Objective 2 – Prevention and Early Intervention

Developing tools to support practice that promotes open cultures and reduces the risk of abuse and neglect.

- We will continue to work closely with the Rotherham Partnership to build on and develop support for young people in transition.
- We will continue to work with the Safer Rotherham Partnership, partners, and communities to protect vulnerable adults from issues that include cuckooing, modern-day slavery, hate and mate crime, and repeat victims of crime to improve reporting and strengthen joint working to tackle crime.
- We will embed a robust Vulnerable Adults Pathway to support people who may be at risk of harm and abuse who do not meet the safeguarding threshold, but who have complex needs.
- We will further strengthen our safeguarding practices relating to neglect, self-neglect and hoarding.

RSAB NEW PRIORITIES

Strategic Objective 3 Leadership and Partnership

Promote effective leadership, partnership working and governance for safeguarding adults, which hold partners and agencies to account.

- We will explore the benefits of an Adult Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.
- We will continue to develop the RSAB website to promote timely and accurate information and guidance from across the Partnership for the public and professionals
- The RSAB and its partners will continue to work together across the Adult, Children's and Safer Rotherham Partnership Boards.



RSAB NEW PRIORITIES

Strategic Objective 4 – Making Safeguarding Personal

Ensure that safeguarding practice places the adult at the centre of everything we do and supports them in making their own decisions and outcomes

- We will review and refresh Making Safeguarding Personal across the safeguarding partnership.
- All work will be done with the “so what?” question in mind to understand the difference we are making.
- We will strengthen our approach to the application of the Mental Capacity Act and use of Advocacy in safeguarding practices

RSAB NEW PRIORITIES

Strategic Objective 5 – Learning and Development

Identify and share learning to drive practice development and improvement

- Deliver training to staff across the partnership to make sure safeguarding is person-centred and outcome-focused.
- Undertake Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) to identify learning, improve practice and prevent similar mistakes from happening again.
- We will develop a RSAB multi-agency audit process.
- We will use the professional website page to share the outcomes from learning reviews.

RECOMMENDATION

The Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board requests that the Health Select Committee:

1. Note the development of the 2025 – 2028 Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan.
2. Accept the refreshed Strategic Objectives for 2025 – 2028.