



HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

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Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board

Annual Report 2024/25

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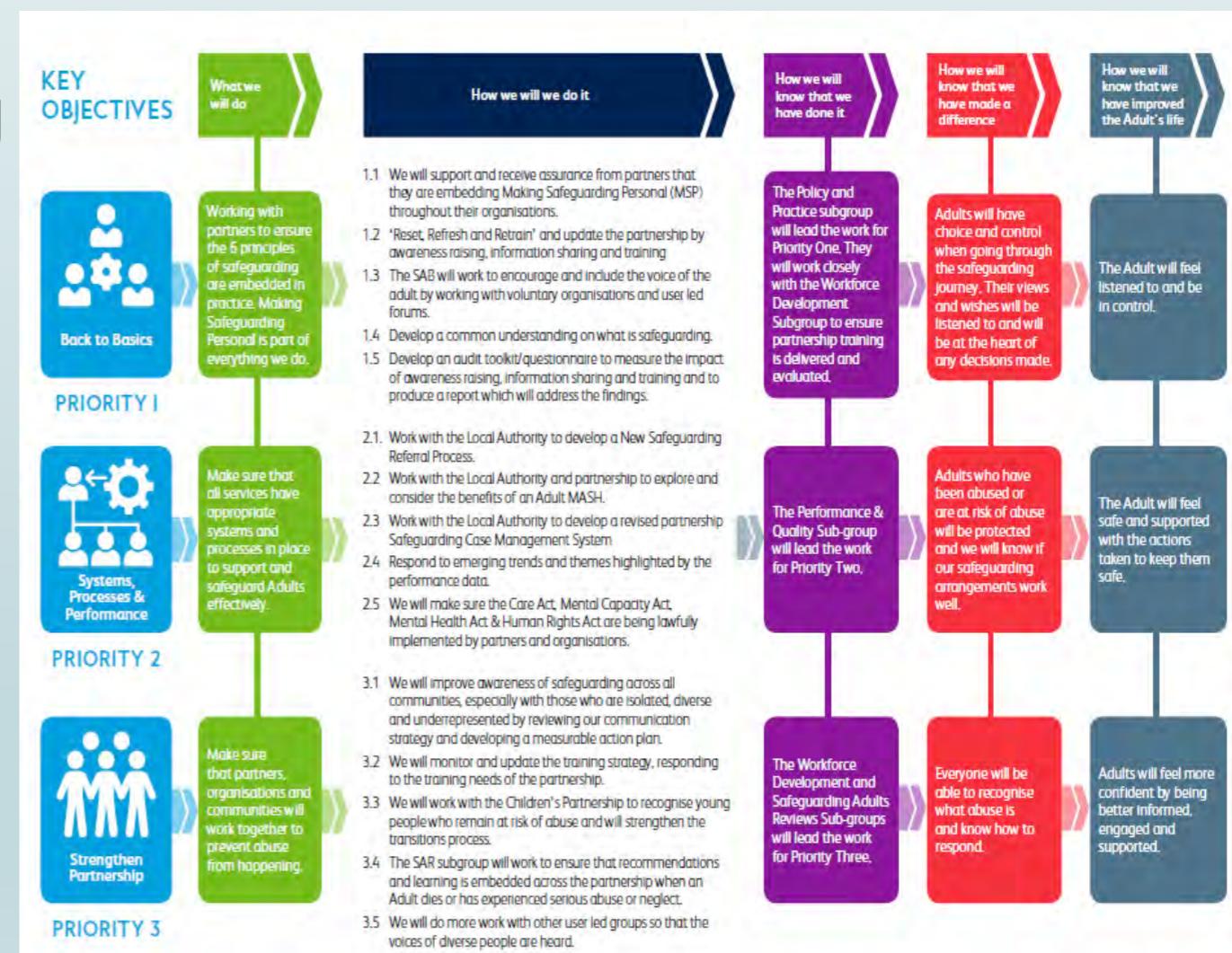


ROOTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD PRIORITIES 2022-25

Back to Basics - Working with partners to continue to embed the 6 principles of safeguarding in practice. Making Safeguarding Personal is integral to everything we do.

Systems, Processes and Performance – To ensure that all services have appropriate systems and processes in place to support and safeguard Adults effectively.

Strengthen Partnership – Collaboratively work with partners, organisations and communities to work together to prevent abuse from happening.



ACTIVITY 2024/25

The Joint Safeguarding Partnership Self Assessment

Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) and the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (RSCP) hosted the Joint Partnership Self-Assessment in October 2024. The purpose of this safeguarding self-assessment is for organisations and agencies to provide assurance, through evidence, that they have arrangements in place that reflect the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults.



ACTIVITY 2024/25

The RSAB Website

The Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Website www.rsab.org.uk has been refreshed and updated to include a page dedicated to 'Professionals'. The RSAB wants to ensure that both professionals and volunteers have easy access to information to support adults at risk or suffering abuse or neglect and their families with care and support needs.



ROOTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

The Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) brings partners together and promotes true partnership working across all agencies to ensure that safeguarding is embedded in all aspects of working life.

Safeguarding is everyone's business and only by working together will we raise the awareness of safeguarding and ensure that the vulnerable and those who lack the mental capacity to make the right decisions are supported, safeguarded, and protected from harm.

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Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Quarterly Newsletter

In July 2024 the RSAB delivered its first Newsletter to all of our partners. The Newsletter contains headlines from the most recent Board Meeting and a summary of performance for the previous quarter. Each of our partners contributes to the Newsletter, providing safeguarding news from within their organisations.



Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board

Newsletter

Edition: JULY 2024

SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE

During 2023-2024...

- 3,963 Contacts recorded where a safeguarding risk was indicated.
- 1,659 of those progressed to concern/initial enquiries. This is where enquiries are made to ensure the person is safe or if further work is required.
- 588 went onto enquiry, this is where the work is undertaken to make the person or situation safe.

TOP 3 TYPES OF ABUSE

- Neglect
- Physical
- Physiological

RSAB: Key Messages

At the July 2024 RSAB meeting the recommendations for safeguarding adults' boards received a ministerial recommendation letter. The recommendations proposed:

- A governance structure, accountability, and system wide change.
- A named board member for rough sleeping.
- Strategic plans, annual reports, and procedures reference
- Safeguarding Adult Reviews to commission cases of deaths involving rough sleepers.

Both Helen Caulfield-Browne and Michael Lord attended the meeting in which they presented the Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy and discussed Rough Sleepers in Rotherham. Please refer to the presentation below for key information and facts.

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Introduction to Homelessness and the proposed Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy

Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board
4th July 2024

Helen Caulfield-Browne, Housing Options Operational Manager

If you wish to have a copy of the presentation, please email rsab@rotherham.gov.uk

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ACTIVITY 2024/25

Safeguarding Awareness Week 2024

November is the month when we celebrate Safeguarding Awareness Week, the Safeguarding Partnership across Adults, Children's, and the Safer Rotherham Partnership come together to deliver training and awareness sessions on a variety of topics.

- Safeguarding in Relation to Homelessness and Rough Sleeping
- What is Cuckooing, How to Spot the Signs & Report Suspected Cases
- Working Together to Prevent Suicides and Saves Lives in Rotherham
- Professional Curiosity
- Counter Corruption Unit – Abuse of Position for a Sexual Purpose



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

ROTHERHAM'S
SAFEGUARDING
AWARENESS
WEEK
18 to 22 November, 2024



CHILDREN
AND ADULT
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ACTIVITY 2024/25

Domestic Abuse in Older People

During Safeguarding Awareness Week, the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Safer Rotherham Partnership worked closely together to deliver an awareness session on Domestic Abuse in Older People.

A full suite of posters was developed and circulated across the borough; they are also available from the RSAB website.

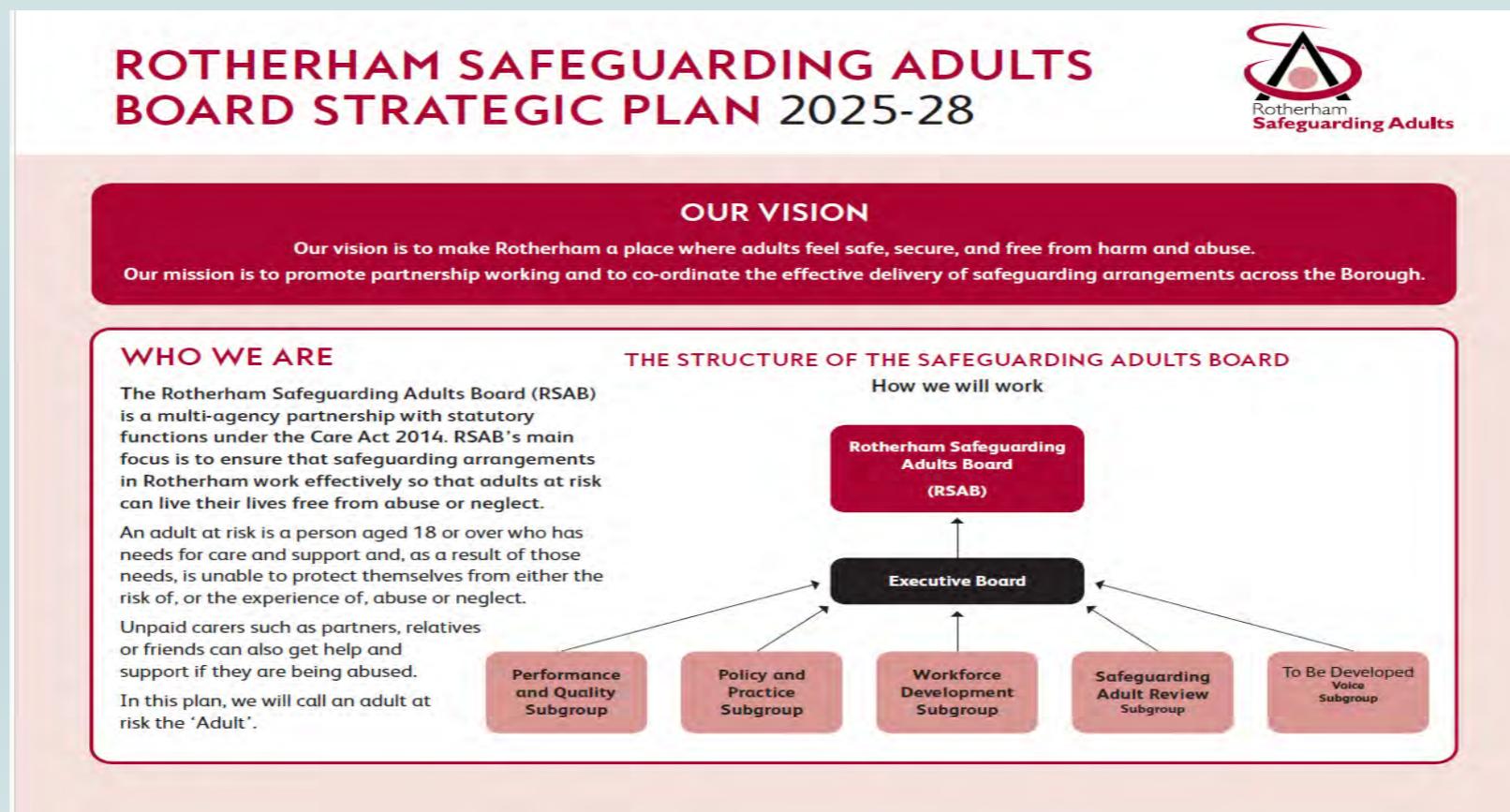


ACTIVITY 2024/25

Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Strategic Plan 2025 -2028

One of the statutory duties of a Safeguarding Adults Board is to develop and publish a strategic plan. The plan must set out how the Board will meet its objectives and how its members and partner agencies will contribute.

A development day was held in January 2025 to bring partners together to agree the safeguarding priorities for the next three years.





ACTIVITY 2024/25

Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Strategic Plan 2025 -2028

Strategic Objective 1 - Communication, Engagement, and Voice

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

Strategic Objective 2 - Prevention and Early Intervention

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

Strategic Objective 3 - Leadership and Partnership

To promote effective leadership, partnership working, and governance for safeguarding adults, holding partners and agencies to account.

Strategic Objective 4 - Making Safeguarding Personal

To make sure that safeguarding practice places adults at the centre and supports them in making their own decisions and outcomes.

Strategic Objective 5 - Learning and Development

To identify and share lessons from reviews and audits to drive practice development and learning.



PERFORMANCE DATA 2024/25



In the last two years there has been a **22% increase in contacts received**, where safeguarding risk was indicated, from 3,713 in 2022/23 to 4,602 in 2024/25.

Of the contacts received 1,987 were accepted as concerns, with 802 concerns progressing to a Section 42 (S42) enquiry and 47 to other enquiries.

Progression from contact to S42 enquiry was 40.4% which is above the latest national 29.5% and regional 37.5%.

Completed Section 42 Enquiries
(3 Year Trend)



Activity has increased to meet the additional demand. **805 Section 42 enquiries** were completed in 2024/25 which is **37% more than the previous year**. There were a further 47 non-statutory enquiries completed.

Waiting lists for people who are subject to an ongoing S42 Enquiry have reduced. Overall the timeliness of completion has improved with **85% completed within 20 weeks** compared to 78% in 2023/24.

PLANNING FOR 2025/26

Voice

Develop a new subgroup called 'Voice', which will work with the voluntary sector and customer-led groups to ensure the SAB hears the thoughts and concerns of the people of Rotherham. Working with Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) the SAB will welcome working with Rotherham people to co-produce safeguarding material that supports and informs.

The SAB will recruit an 'expert by experience' to become a member of the Board. This person will be the joint chair of the Voice subgroup and will ensure the issues raised and discussed by the group are heard at the Board.



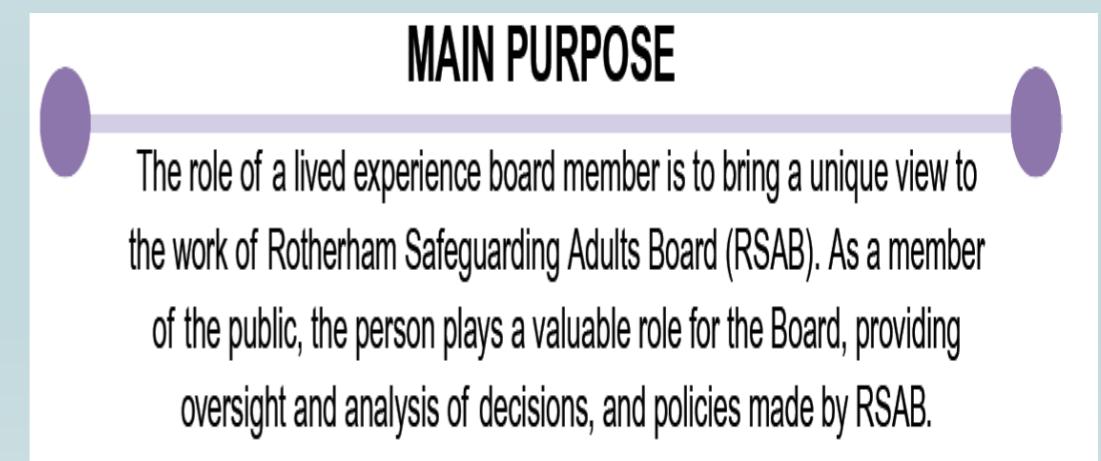
BACKGROUND

A Lived Experience Board Member helps the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board by sharing their personal experiences and views as someone from the local community. Their role is to speak up, offer ideas, and help influence positive changes in how adults are kept safe in Rotherham. By bringing a unique perspective, they help make sure the Board's work reflects real-life experiences and meets the needs of the people it serves.

ABOUT US

1 Are you looking for a role where you can make a difference? Can you commit to up to 2-3 days a month?

2 Are you passionate about making a difference to improve experiences of people with care and support needs?



MAIN PURPOSE

The role of a lived experience board member is to bring a unique view to the work of Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB). As a member of the public, the person plays a valuable role for the Board, providing oversight and analysis of decisions, and policies made by RSAB.

PLANNING FOR 2025/26

Shared Learning

We will work with Children's Safeguarding and the Safer Rotherham Partnership to develop a Learning Hub. The Learning Hub will be used to share good practice and learning relating to Safeguarding Adult Review, Domestic Homicide Reviews and Serious Case Reviews.

Sharing learning and good practice will strengthen the partnership and ensure the Safeguarding workforce are well informed.



PLANNING FOR 2025/26

Safeguarding Partners Self-Assessment

The Safeguarding Partners Self-assessment will be refreshed during 2026. Adults and Children's will work together to manage the self-assessment process with our partners. A joint event will be held for partners to showcase their safeguarding arrangements and share good practice.



PLANNING FOR 2025/26

Vulnerable Adults Pathway

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 thresholds, but have complex needs.

We will further embed the Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CMARAC), Vulnerable Adults Risk Management Meeting (VARMM) and Vulnerable Adults Panel (VAP).

We will work with Housing Services and the Homelessness Team to develop strong links with safeguarding to ensure we are working to support people who are at risk of being homeless and who are suffering from homelessness.





PLANNING FOR 2025/26

Safeguarding Awareness Week 2025

During 17th and 21st November, the Safeguarding Partnership will come together to deliver a range of awareness and training events to colleagues across Rotherham. For the first time the Partnership will be hosting the Safeguarding Champion Awards. The Safeguarding Champion Awards will recognise adults, children and young people who do an exceptional job at safeguarding the most vulnerable.



THANK YOU

