

Welcome to the West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board briefing.

The West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board meets four times a year and discusses how agencies should work together to keep adults at risk of abuse or neglect safe in Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham.

At the Board meeting on 4 December 2017 members considered the strategic priorities that will form the basis of the Board's new three year Strategy. Other topics for discussion included the Safeguarding Adults Reviews currently underway; actions in place to manage the risks and difficulties associated with Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS); and findings from a recent Section 42 case file audit.

The Board said goodbye to Natalie Madden who is standing down from the post of Business Manager after five years. Until a new Business Manager is appointed, please direct queries to the safeguarding adults lead in your organisation, or Teresa Bell, the Board's Independent Chair. The Board's Directory contains contact details for Board members and other safeguarding adult leads in the area:
<http://www.sabberkshirwest.co.uk/board-members/>

**NEW website for
Berkshire Safeguarding Adults
Policy and Procedures**

<https://www.berkshiresafeguardingadults.co.uk/>

Safeguarding Strategy 2018-2021

The Board is currently developing its new three year Strategy and has identified four high level, strategic priorities which will drive its work until 2021. An annual Business Plan will contain detailed actions to support the delivery of these priorities.

Priority 1: We will strengthen our **communication and engagement** across groups and communities in the West of Berkshire to ensure that our plans and actions are informed by the experience of the widest range of local people.

Priority 2: We will extend our links with other partnerships to **work together** to break down barriers across agencies and to promote Think Family/Think Community approaches. Make Every Contact Count.

Priority 3: We will **share learning** and develop innovative ways to support both paid and unpaid organisations across the partnership to continually build confidence and the effectiveness of everyone's safeguarding practice.

Priority 4: We will **understand** how effective adult safeguarding is across the West of Berkshire to ensure that we identify emerging risks and take action accordingly.

We would like to hear your views on these priorities. Please forward any comments to natalie.madden@reading.gov.uk by 23 January, or after this date to Teresa Bell.

Bite size learning events

You are invited to two-hour interactive workshops that are free to attend and open to all sectors across Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham. Each workshop has a presentation on a specific theme, followed by discussion. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Coming up soon:

Advocacy in Safeguarding

Thursday 18 January 2018, 10.00 –12.00
Council Chamber, Reading Borough Council,
Bridge Street, Reading RG1 2LU

Safer Recruitment

Tuesday 13 March 2018, 10.00 -12.00
Council Chamber, West Berkshire Council,
Market Street, Newbury RG14 5LD

The workshops run quarterly to provide topic-based safeguarding information and learning, to support and complement the Board's approved training programme. Find out more at

www.sabberkshirewest.co.uk/practitioners/workforce-development/

Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding Adults

[A Guide to support practitioners and managers](#)

A considerable proportion of safeguarding adults work relates to the abuse or neglect of people with care and support needs who are living in their own homes. Domestic abuse is perhaps most commonly thought of as violence between intimate partners, but it can take many other forms and be perpetrated by a range of people. Much safeguarding is therefore also domestic abuse. This guide sets out the overlaps between safeguarding and domestic abuse and the approaches and legal frameworks for domestic abuse that can be used in the safeguarding context.

Making Safeguarding Personal

The Local Government Association and ADASS have developed resources to support Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP). The resources describe what 'good' might look like in MSP for a range of organisations. Follow the links below:

- [Support for Boards across the Safeguarding Adults Partnership](#)
- [What might 'good' look like for health and social care commissioners and providers?](#)
- [What might 'good' look like for the police?](#)
- [What might 'good' look like for advocacy?](#)
- [What might 'good' look like for those working in the Housing Sector?](#)
- [Supporting involvement of service users](#)