



Strategy for Safeguarding Adults in the West of Berkshire 2021-2024

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The West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (SAB) have agreed that its approach for the next two and a half years will be to focus at any one time on three key themes that have been identified from learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs).

The SAB acknowledge that there are reoccurring themes from local and national learning from SARs that must be addressed. We will consider what the obstacles are in implementing recommendations and sustaining improvement and there will be a focus on good practice to promote learning, alongside an emphasis on good quality care principles and the role of effective support and supervision of the workforce to embed learning and inform future practice

It is possible that changes to priorities will be made throughout the duration of this plan in light of national and local learning in order to ensure that there is capacity within the partnership to deliver on the most pressing priorities for the West of Berkshire. Any change in priorities will be approved by the Board.

Through its reflective learning practice the SAB have identified the following priorities, it is the expectation within each of the priorities that the following key frameworks/principles are considered: Mental Capacity, Making Safeguarding Personal, Professional Curiosity, Care Act, Equality Act. The SAB will also consider and make and implement recommendations regarding race, culture, ethnicity, local and national context and how this may impact on safeguarding.

Our Priorities 2023-2024 – Agreed March 2023

- Priority 1: To seek assurance that quality of health and social care services delivered in the West of Berkshire or those commissioned out of area for West Berkshire residents is monitored effectively and there is a proportionate response to concerns.
- Priority 2: Embedding a good understanding of Mental Capacity Act within the practice of our statutory partners.
- Priority 3: Serious Violence and Exploitation, understanding the gaps from an adult safeguarding perspective.
- Priority 4: Review and relaunch of the SAB Quality Assurance Framework

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 quarterly 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.