

Blackburn with Darwen Safeguarding Adult Board

Vision Statement for the Blackburn with Darwen Safeguarding Adult Board

“Our vision is for Blackburn with Darwen to be a place where safeguarding adults is everyone’s business and where people are supported in their right to live safe, independent and healthy lives.”

Where safeguarding partners:

- Do not tolerate abuse and neglect
- Ensure that the public feel confident that adults are protected
- Respect the views of service users, including their right to take risks
- Work preventatively by early identification of safeguarding issues
- Deliver excellent safeguarding practice through a culture of learning.
- Share information on safeguarding issues in a timely manner.

Statutory Duties

The Board has three statutory duties:

- Produce a strategic plan setting out the changes the Board wants to achieve and how organisations will work together
- Publish an annual report setting out the safeguarding concerns it has dealt with in the last year as well as plans to help keep people safe
- Undertake a Safeguarding Adult Review where it believes someone with needs for care and support has died or experienced serious harm as a result of abuse or neglect

Our Principles

Safeguarding principles will underpin the delivery of the three-year strategy and annual business plan and will be used as the basis to monitor the quality and impact of the multi-agency actions of the Board

- Empowerment: People are supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and provide informed consent
- Prevention: It is better to take action before harm occurs
- Proportionality: The least intrusive response is used to match the presenting risk
- Protection: Support and representation for those in greatest need
- Partnership: Local solutions developed through services working with their communities who have a part to play in preventing, detecting, and reporting neglect and abuse
- Accountability: Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding



Blackburn with Darwen Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Aims 2023-2026

The following sets out the Board's high-level objectives for the three-year lifespan of this strategy. The "what we will do" actions reflect priorities identified by Board members in the development session held in April 2023

Strategic Aims

1. Providing leadership in safeguarding

- The Safeguarding Board will champion adult safeguarding in BwD with clear priorities, strategies and functions identified and communicated to local communities.
- Partnership safeguarding data will be used to understand trends in safeguarding demand and direct partners' responses to them.
- Ensure a system of accountability is in place to hold the Board to account for developing and implementing its Business Plan objectives

2. Prevention and early intervention

- Work with local communities to raise awareness of safeguarding issues and empower people to report their concerns.
- Develop a skilled local workforce that are confident and pro-active in the application of safeguarding legislation and strength-based approaches to prevention and intervention of safeguarding need.

3. Listening, learning, acting, and embedding

- Listening to people's lived experiences and translate these into multi-agency solutions to prevent or minimise the impact of safeguarding incidents.
- Deliver continuous improvement in safeguarding activity through quality assurance processes aligned to the outturn from local safeguarding data, the recommendations in local SARs and the requirements of legislation and regulatory guidance.

4. Delivering safeguarding excellence

- Ensure that the policies and strategies of the BwD Adult Safeguarding Board are translated into the operational practice of partners and produce positive outcomes for local people.
- Board members are confident in challenging current practices and hold partners to account.
- Ensuring that the Board's activity connects to the emerging Children's Partnership agenda and the work of the Domestic Abuse Partnership

5. Information is effectively shared within the safeguarding partnership



- An information sharing protocol is in place, signed up to by partners, that effectively facilitates the sharing of relevant safeguarding information.
- A local safeguarding data set is in place, with contributions from across the partnership, which is regularly used to evaluate the performance of the local safeguarding system.

6. The public feel confident that people are protected

- The BwD Adult Safeguarding Board effectively communicates its role and priorities to local communities.
- The lessons from the lived experience of residents and the results from co-production initiatives can be seen in local safeguarding service developments.

Strategic Priorities for the Blackburn with Darwen Safeguarding Adult Board over the period 2023-2024

The following sets out the Board's priorities for the delivery of its strategic aims for the business year 2023-2024.

Strategic Priorities

1. Providing leadership in safeguarding

- The BwD Adult Safeguarding Board arrangements and business plan for 2023-24 is published and communicated to local communities
- Specification of the Partnership safeguarding data base, with contributions from across the partnership identified, concluded. Database used to evaluate the Safeguarding Board's readiness for a CQC inspection by _____. Database to be fully implemented and operationalised by _____.

2. Prevention and early intervention

- Communication strategy to enable work with local communities to raise awareness of safeguarding issues and empower people to report their concerns developed by _____.
- Local safeguarding workforce development strategy completed by _____.

3. Listening, learning, acting, and embedding

- Convene a user/carer forum for the capture of peoples lived experience by _____.
- Quality assurance strategy finalised and priorities for QA activity for 23-24 identified by ____.



4. Delivering safeguarding excellence

- Confirm the policies and strategies of the BwD Adult Safeguarding Board by _____.
- Prioritise topics for partner compliance/assurance evaluation by _____.
- Create a local Business Support Unit to support the Adults safeguarding Board, Childrens Partnership and Domestic Abuse Partnership

5. Information is effectively shared within the safeguarding partnership

- Information sharing protocol is in place, signed up to by partners by _____.
- An exemplar initiative on the use of performance data to inform a quality assurance process to be concluded by _____.

6. The public feel confident that people are protected

- The BwD Adult Safeguarding Board communication strategy to be in place by _____.
- A co-production initiative identified and initiated by _____.
- That there is a clear connection to other strategies including the work of the Domestic Abuse Board and the Childrens Safeguarding Partnership

Sub-group Options

The workshop provided an opportunity to discuss the future “shape” of sub-groups to the SAB and the possibility of alternative methods of progressing Board initiatives (eg task and finish groups). Sub-groups were acknowledged to be (human) resource intensive, however given the significance or priority of the issue under consideration they may be necessary. When an issue or development has been addressed it is important that the subject matter becomes “business as usual” (BAU) and is integrated into core SAB business processes.

With respect to the current pan-Lancashire sub-groups, the following seemed to be the preponderant view for taking things forward:

- Complex safeguarding: move into a BwD sub-group (and consider linkage with children)
- Self-neglect: move into a BwD task and finish group to localise procedures and close into BAU
- MCA/DoLS: close and move to BAU with the option for a local task and finish group once the timescale and guidance on pausing LPS is confirmed
- SARs: consideration to be given to a pan-Lancs role for commissioning and the collation of thematic analysis but a place-based sub-group for developing, implementing and evaluating delivery action plans
- Workforce learning and development: move into a BwD sub-group (and consider linkage with children)
- Voice/MSP: re-brand as communications and PR and move to a BwD sub-group
- Policy Group - audit of compliance to existing Pan Lancs policy



Additional BWD groups may be required in respect of:

- Performance, quality assurance and scrutiny
- Policy and procedures
- Safeguarding champions group to engage with staff groups in partner organisations
- Prevention and early intervention

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