



Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board



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# Annual Report

Leeds – A safe place for everyone

2017



Easy read  
information  
for adults in Leeds





# Introduction



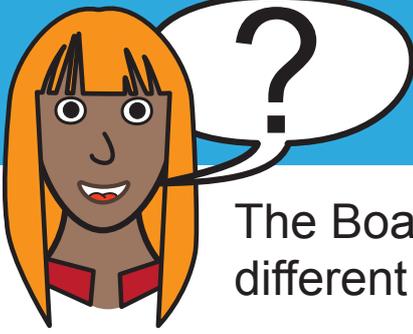
Abuse is when someone does or says things that hurt you, upset you or make you frightened.



This report tells you about what the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board has been doing to stop abuse in Leeds.



This work is called Safeguarding Adults.



# What is the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board?

The Board is made up of people from lots of different organisations.

This includes Adult Social Care, health services and the police.

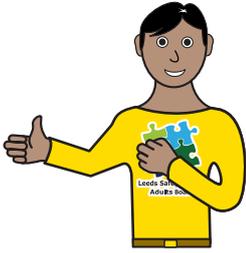


They work together to stop abuse.



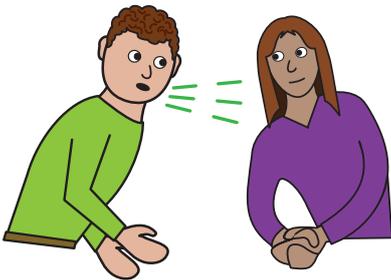


# What the Board has been doing this year



The Board has four ambitions that guide all of its work.

## Ambition One:



**Seek out the voice of the adult at risk**

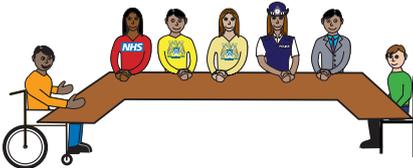


This is what we want to achieve for people:



“I am asked if I feel safe and what help I want, and this informs what happens”

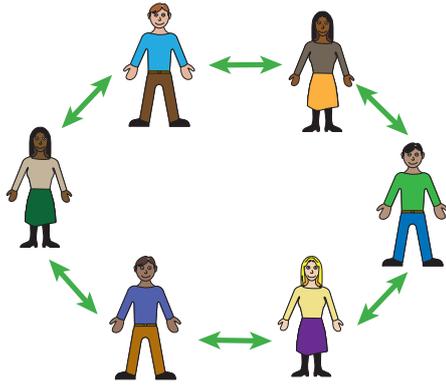
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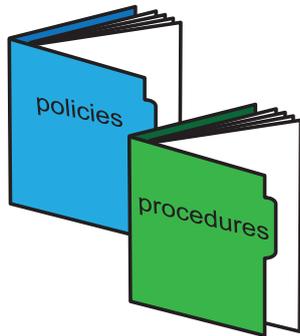
- We have made sure we have organisations on our Board that help us to hear people’s actual experiences.



- We start each Board meeting, hearing about someone’s experience of safeguarding.



- We held some meetings to hear from lots of different organisations, what works well and where we can improve.



- Our multi-agency policy and procedure is clear that we should always be trying to help the person in the way they would like us to.

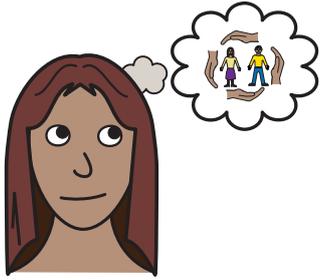


- We have been making sure all the safeguarding work is of a good standard. This includes checking that we have asked people what help they want.



- We hold reviews when someone has died or been seriously harmed to find out how agencies could have worked better together. We make sure that the person's views are an important part of these reviews.

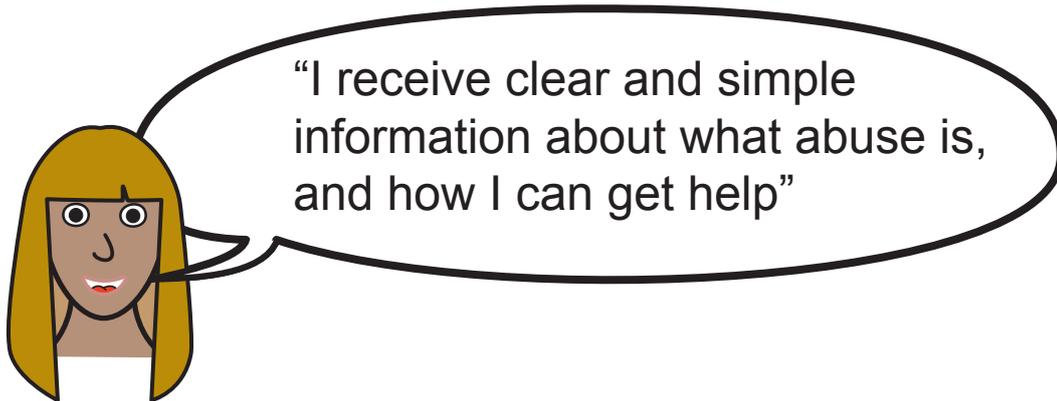
## Ambition Two:



**Improve awareness of safeguarding across all our communities**



This is what we want to achieve for people:



This is what we have been doing:



- We have leaflets and posters.



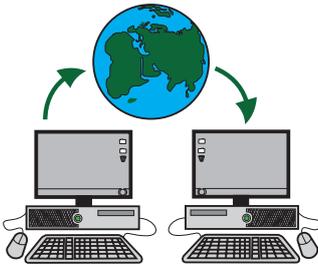
- We have cards with important safeguarding phone numbers on them.



- We have been sending our leaflets, posters and cards to lots of different public places, such as community centres and advice centres, colleges and sports centres so that as many people see them as possible.

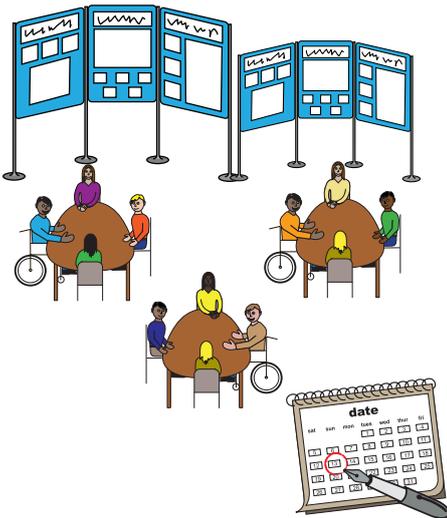


If anyone wants these free leaflets, cards or posters, they just need to ring **0113 37 89 455** and the Board's Support Unit will send you some.

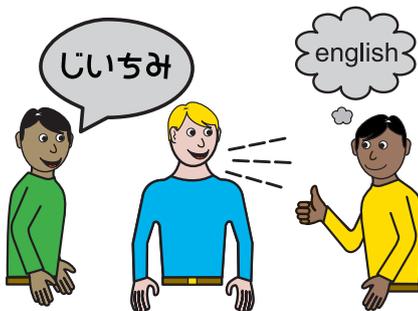


The Board also has a website with lots of information about safeguarding adults:

[www.leedssafeguardingadults.org.uk](http://www.leedssafeguardingadults.org.uk)



- We held a Safeguarding Week in October 2016, this was a chance for organisations to do one extra thing to tell people about safeguarding. Some did newsletters, some did events and others did displays. It worked well. We will do it again in October 2017.



- We have been doing some work to improve awareness of safeguarding for people who are new to this country. This is important, because if English is not your first language and you are new to the country, it can be harder for you to find the help you need.

## Ambition Three:



### Improve responses to domestic violence and abuse



This is what we want to achieve for people:



“I am confident that professionals will work together and with me to get the best results for me”



It is called domestic violence and abuse when the abuse happens within your family. Sometimes people find it harder to tell people about abuse when it is done by a family member. Remember, abuse is always wrong, and there is help for you.

This is what we have been doing:

**Safer  
Leeds**

*Working in partnership to  
keep communities safe*

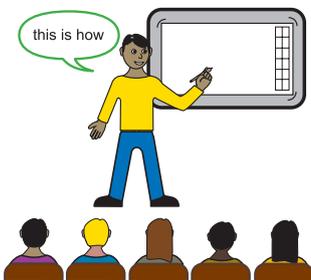
- We work with Safer Leeds to reduce the risk of domestic violence and abuse in the city.



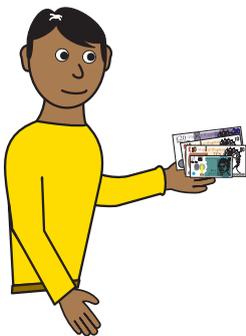
- We supported the White Ribbon Campaign. This is a campaign about domestic abuse and violence in which men make a promise to never commit violence towards women. The campaign was a success, 1300 men made the promise.



- We have supported Domestic Homicide Reviews. These are reviews held when someone has died, to see if there is any learning that will help keep others safe in the future.



- We have supported the development of training.



- We have advised on the commissioning of new domestic violence and abuse services.

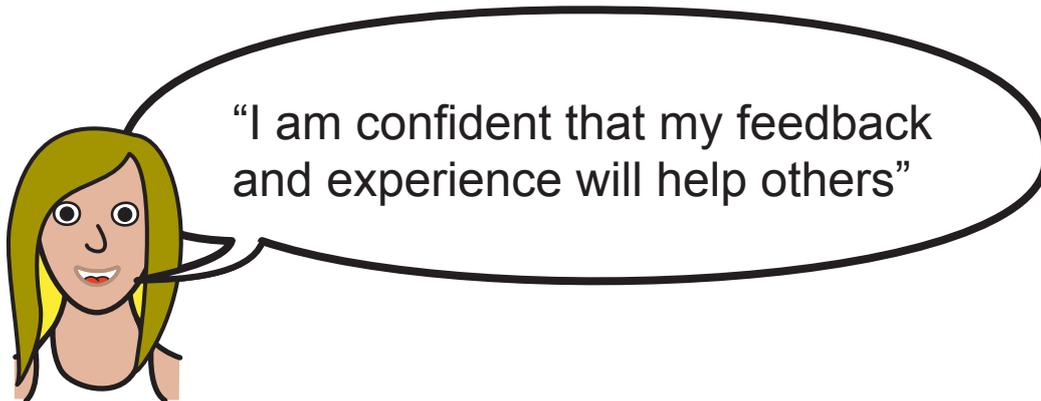
## Ambition Four:



### Learn from experience to improve how we work

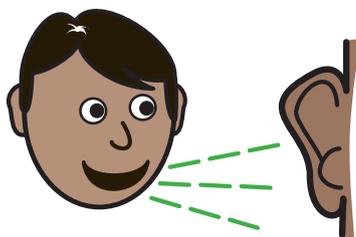


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This is what we have been doing:

#### Listening to people about safeguarding



We have been holding events to hear people's views about safeguarding adults. We wanted to find out what works well and where we can do better.

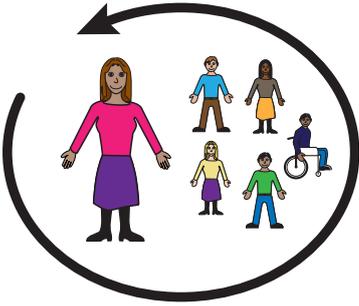
#### Learning from reviews



The Board holds reviews when someone has died or been seriously harmed to find out if we could work better in the future to protect other people.

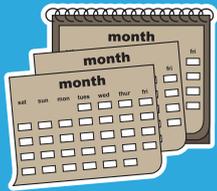
The Board is holding reviews for three people who had pressure ulcers. We will use the learning to help keep other people safe.

## Sharing learning



The Board tries to identify learning from people's experiences and to share this learning. One way of doing this, is to find out the learning from local or national events, and share this with member organisations.

We then ask Board member organisations to share the learning with all of their staff and volunteers. We have done this with learning from inquiries into Jimmy Savile and inquiries into domestic violence and abuse.



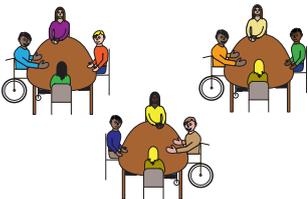
## Our plans for next year

We will do more work on each of our four ambitions

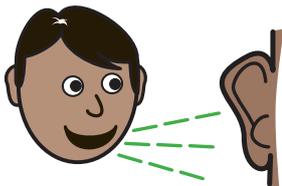
### Some of the main things we want to do are:



- Develop safeguarding practice using everyone's ideas.



- Hold events where we can talk to agencies that provide services in the city.

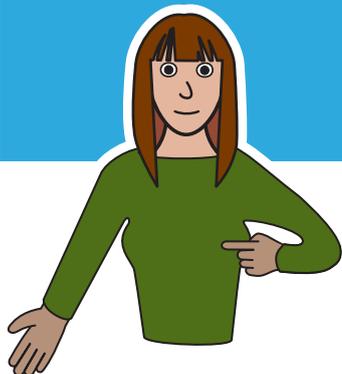


- Get better at listening to people about their experiences.

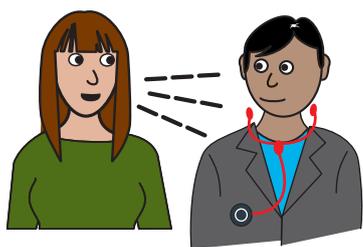


You can read all of our plans for next year on our website: [www.leedssafeguardingadults.org.uk](http://www.leedssafeguardingadults.org.uk)

## Nazirah's Story



Nazirah is a 34 year old woman with learning disabilities who lives in her own flat, with some support each day.



When she was feeling ill she went to the doctors.

The doctor noticed that she had a bruise on her arm, and asked if she was being hurt by anyone. Nazirah said that she was.



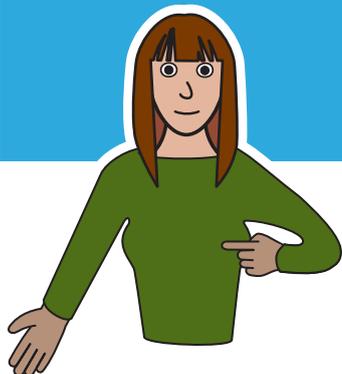
The doctor explained to Nazirah that there were people who can help her. Nazirah felt better for telling someone; and said she was willing talk to someone about it.

The doctor reported the concerns, and a social worker came to meet with Nazirah.



With the help of a friend, Nazirah felt able to tell the social worker about how she was being hurt and bullied by a man with learning disabilities who lived nearby.

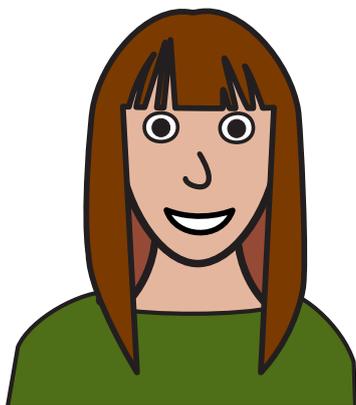
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The social worker was able to speak with the police, the housing service, the man with learning disabilities and his support workers. They came up with a plan to keep Nazirah safe.



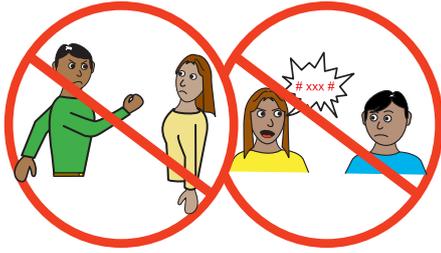
The social worker talked to Nazirah about the plan, who thought it was a good plan.



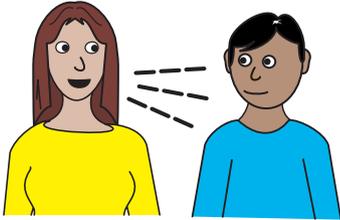
Nazirah had been worried about telling anyone. But once she told people, everyone did their best to help her.

Nazirah now feels safe and much happier

# How to get help?



If you are being abused, or know someone who is, then there are things you can do....



Tell someone. Speak to someone you trust. This might be a member of your family, a care worker, a doctor, social worker, nurse or someone else.

## You can contact the police if there is a crime:



• In an emergency, **Tel. 999**



• If you or the person is not in danger now, **Tel. 101**

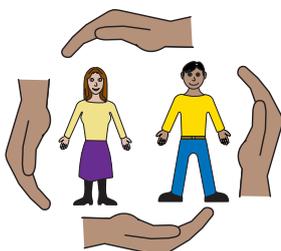
## You can report a safeguarding concern



• Contact Adult Social Care,  
**Tel. 0113 222 4401**

• Out of hours,  
**Tel: 07712 106378**

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there is help for you.



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