



Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board

Annual Report

A safe place for everyone



2018



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?

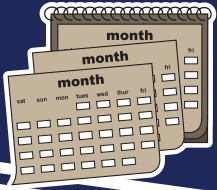
The Board is made up of people from lots of different organisations.

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



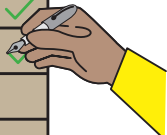
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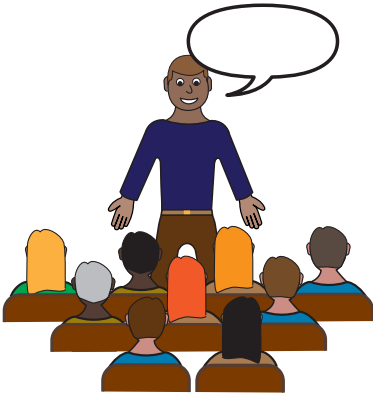
“I am asked if I feel safe and what help I want, and this informs what happens”

This is what we have been doing:

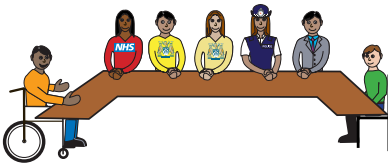
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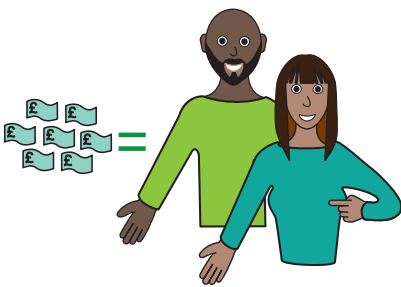
- Our procedures say that we should always be trying to help the person in the way that they would like us to. We carry out checks to make sure this happens.



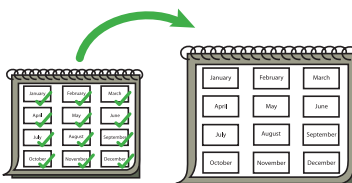
- We have been talking to citizen groups to get their views on good practice. We are using these views to help us write new procedures.



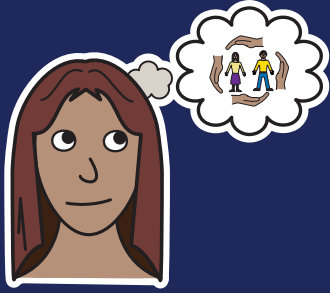
- The Board has employed a Citizen Engagement Officer to help us work more closely with citizen groups in the future



- The Board decided to pay an independent service to talk to people about their experience of the help they get.



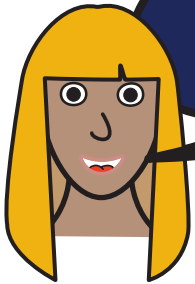
= ? We aim to start this next year.



Ambition Two: Improve awareness of safeguarding across all our communities



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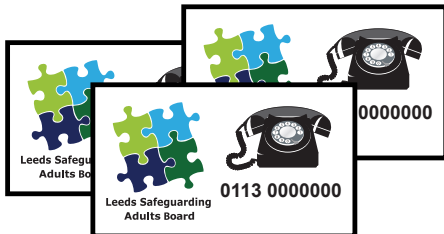


“I receive clear and simple
information about what abuse is,
and how I can get help”

This is what we have been doing:



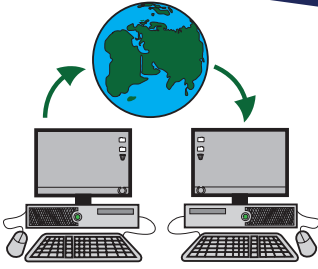
- We have leaflets and posters.



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



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



• We have started using social media.

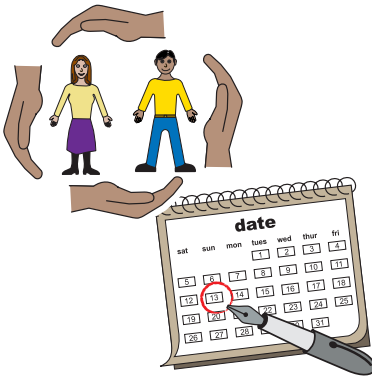
You can follow us on:

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www.facebook.com/LeedsSAB/

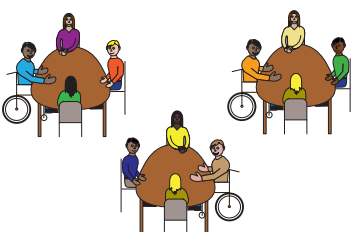
Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/LeedsSAB>



• We held a Safeguarding Week in October 2017, 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 next year.



• We have been out telling people about safeguarding. We have been to over 20 organisations or events this year.

We will visit many more next year.



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:

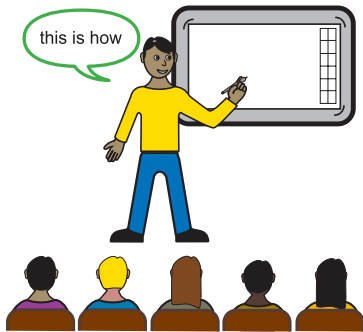
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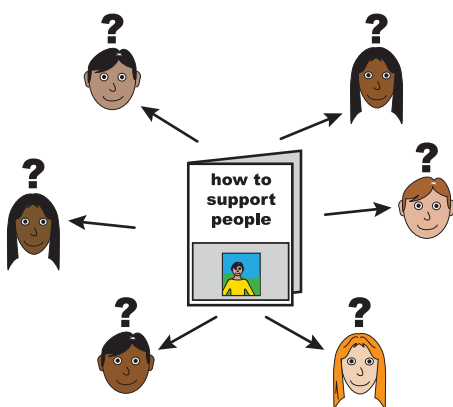
- We work with Safer Leeds to reduce the risk of domestic violence and abuse in the city.



- We help to promote awareness of domestic abuse. We have supported domestic abuse campaigns in the city to help people know how they can get help.



- We have helped develop good training.



- We are developing new guidance about how to support people experiencing domestic abuse.

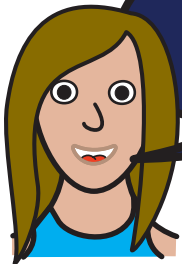


Ambition Four:

Learn from experience to improve how we work



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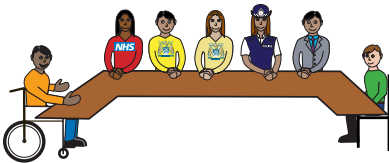


“I am confident that my feedback and experience will help others”

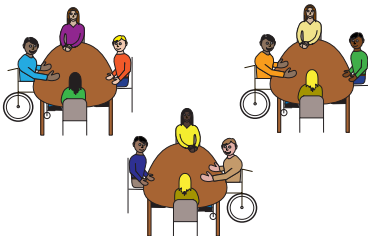
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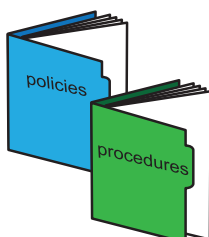
- We are getting ready to launch a new working group. This will be called the Learning & Development Group. It will work across agencies to help all organisations learn and develop their safeguarding practice.



- The Board created a new post of Learning and Review Officer to help us with this work.



- 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.

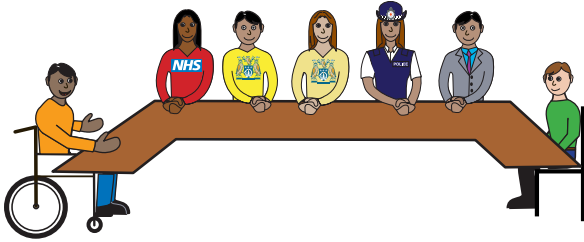


- We are including guidance from citizens in our new safeguarding procedures, based on their experiences.

Safeguarding Adults Reviews



We have also been learning from reviews.

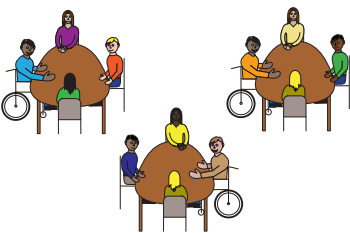


The Board holds reviews when someone has died or been seriously harmed to find out if we could work better in the future to protect other people.

This is a summary of our reviews:



- We have undertaken a review of a woman with dementia (Mrs B) who died after being abused by her husband. Learning from the review has been shared through workshops.



- We have done a review of three women in Leeds who died, who had pressure ulcers. We got an expert on tissue viability to help us. We have developed a learning pack, and held a series of workshops for frontline to share the learning.

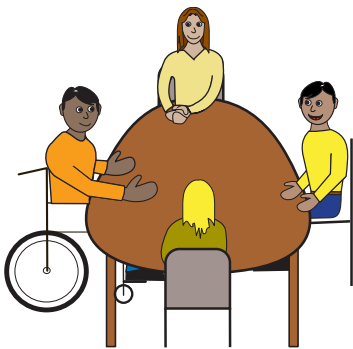


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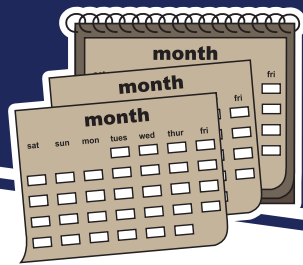
- The Board, together with Safer Leeds and the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership have been undertaking a Joint Statutory Review of the experience of a young man who was eighteen when he died of bronchopneumonia. This review paused for the criminal trial of his family, but will continue during 2018-19.



- The LSAB Executive Group has also recommended that the Board should undertake a Safeguarding Adults Review in relation to a man who died at home of extreme self-neglect. This Review will be reported on in 2018-19.

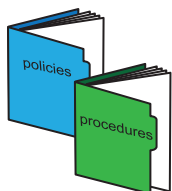


- Finally, the Board also received a referral for a young man who was murdered in Leeds in 2016. The Board decided not to do a review for this man, because it was agreed that he did not have care and support needs, did not experience abuse or neglect and agencies had worked highly well to support him.



Our plans for next year

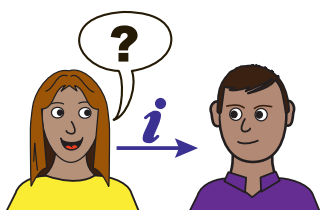
We will do more work on each of our four ambitions
Some of the main things we want to do are:



- Launch our new multi-agency policy and procedures



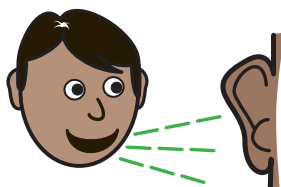
- Review our posters and leaflets



- Get better at gathering information from all our partners. This will help us to decide what our priorities should be.



- Improve how we support organisations to learn and develop good practice



- Keep getting 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

Ade's Story



Ade is a 26 year old man with learning disabilities who lives in his own flat. He has help from a support worker a few times a week to help him with his money, paying bills and shopping.



One day the support worker notices that Ade no longer has enough money to pay his bills; he talks to Ade about why this is. Ade tells his support worker that he has met some new friends. They invite him to go to the pub with them. Ade explains that he is only allowed to go with them if he buys most of the drinks.



Ade is really upset to find out that he has little money left in the bank and asks his support worker what he should do.



They decide to meet with Ade's social worker. They talk about whether these people are real friends, because real friends would not spend all his money.

Ade's Story

Together they come up with a plan:

1. Ade wants to find new friends and go out in the evening



The social worker finds out about social clubs in his area. Ade chooses one he is interested in. The support worker takes Ade the first time, because he was nervous about going on his own.

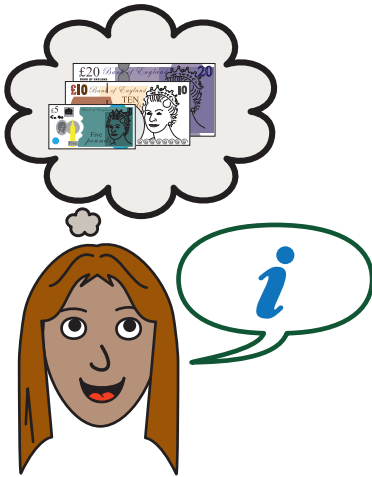
2. Ade wants to tell the police



Ade says he thinks what happened was wrong. He does not want other people to get tricked like this. The social worker and Ade ring the police together to explain and get their advice.

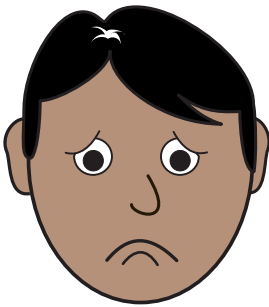
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3. Ade wants help to decide what to do when people ask for money.



He finds it difficult to say no. Ade decides the best thing to do, is to always speak to his support worker first. He decides this is what he will say to people if they ask. He practices saying this with his support worker until he feels confident.

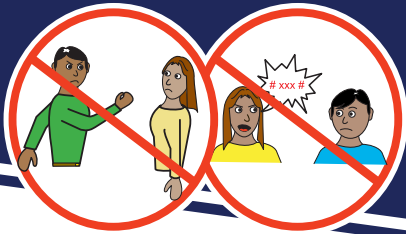
4. Ade is worried about his bills and wants help



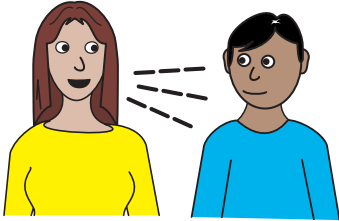
The support worker says he will be able to manage his bills, they just need to work out which bill is most urgent, and pay that one first. They agree to meet and work out a budget plan for the next couple of weeks.



A few months later Ade tells his social worker that he feels so much better. He has new friends that he can trust and he has people he can go out with in the evening. He is managing his money well.



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 report a safeguarding concern



- Contact Adult Social Care,
Tel. 0113 222 4401
- Out of hours,
Tel: 07712 106378

You can contact the police if there is a crime:

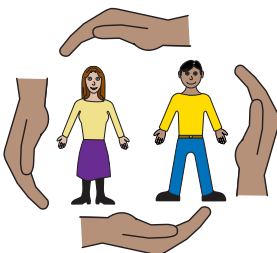


- In an emergency, **Tel. 999**



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

Abuse is always wrong,



there is help for you.



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