



Strategic Plan 2022/23

Ambition 1:

Develop citizen-led approaches to safeguarding adults

We plan to:

1. Undertake a review to ensure that people receive advocacy within safeguarding when needed, so that their voices are heard
2. Seek to hear from people with lived experience of self-neglect, to help us develop our guidance for practitioners
3. Each quarter, consult with community organisations about safeguarding adults work in Leeds
4. Expand our Friends of the Board Network to help us engage with community organisations and members of the public
5. Establish a citizen reference group to support our work
6. Involve citizens in co-designing a new logo and strapline for us
7. Support and promote our Citizen Ambassadors programme so that organisations hear from people in Leeds about how to support them to be safe from abuse and neglect
8. Include citizen-led principles within our governance arrangements
9. Ask the council to include safeguarding topics in the Adult Social Care Ambassadors programme
10. Consult with people in Leeds each year about our future strategic plans

Ambition 2:

Improve awareness of safeguarding across all communities and partners organisations

We plan to:

1. Provide free awareness sessions, in person and on-line, for community and citizen groups
2. Hold Safeguarding Week during June to promote safeguarding awareness
3. Promote messages and campaigns using social media, and seek to display our posters and leaflets in locations across the city, such as libraries, hubs, and leisure centres
4. Publish new co-produced resources including a short public awareness film about abuse and neglect
5. Co-produce awareness resources for people with learning disabilities
6. Make better connections with universities and colleges
7. Continue our project with Voluntary Action Leeds to help us better understand how ethnic minority groups in Leeds engage with safeguarding services
8. Ask the council to review the process for reporting abuse and neglect, and involve people from Leeds in the review

9. Ask the council to review its safeguarding adults training offer, and involve people working in Leeds in the review
10. Promote positive safeguarding messages for parents at risk, so they can build trusting relationships with services that can help them and their families to stay safe
11. Develop a new website to share our information resources and promote our work
12. Produce new guidance about what 'safeguarding' is and what 'poor quality care' is
13. Check how our learning and development framework is working in practice for partners and organisations, and make improvements if needed
14. Explore the need for multi-agency training in Leeds

Ambition 3:

Develop citywide approaches to safeguarding adults

Working with our strategic partners, we plan to:

1. Monitor the impact of covid-19 pandemic on safeguarding adults
2. Develop a self-neglect strategy for Leeds
3. Provide a risk forum to support organisations working with people who remain at risk, despite prior support being provided or offered
4. Link with wider citywide strategies in Leeds: domestic abuse, drug and alcohol, liberty protection safeguards, mental health and learning disability, street support
5. Link with wider networks: housing associations, commissioned social care providers, offender management, fire safety, criminal concerns and safeguarding
6. Develop a plan to take forward learning about people who died living street-based lives
7. Take part in National Institute for Health research about self-neglect
8. Develop approaches for improving multi-agency working in Leeds
9. Support the development of trauma informed practice
10. Seek to better understand how safeguarding adults works to protect people who have care and support needs, and engaged in sex working
11. Carry out annual organisational self-assessments, supporting the development of safe services

Ambition 4:

Learn from experience to improve how we work

We plan to:

1. Hold an annual event to hear from community organisations and our wider partners
2. Adopt a new approach of reviewing good safeguarding practice so that others can learn from it
3. Use feedback gathered last year about people's experiences of safeguarding, and develop a project to do this again this year
4. Review how we carry out Safeguarding Adults Reviews in line with the policy and statutory criteria
5. Ensure learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews is shared with organisations in Leeds
6. Work with all partners to gather data and intelligence that informs the Board's priorities and action planning
7. Seek assurance from all member organisations as to how they have put new Board learning, resources, policies and procedures into practice.
8. Undertake a multi-agency audit programme to review safeguarding practice in Leeds

9. Develop learning and development opportunities to promote information sharing between practitioners and services
10. Review the Board's escalation guidance, and seek an assurance about that of member organisations
11. Ask Leeds Police and Adults & Health to develop a shared understanding of when a hate crime should also lead to a Safeguarding Adults referral.
12. Support the promotion of awareness and understanding of hate crime.