

# Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2019-2021

*The Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board works in partnership to empower and protect some of the most vulnerable members who live in Solihull.*

**Solihull  
Safeguarding  
Adults Board**  
*Protecting Adults Together*

**Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board** was established in June 2008 and from April 2015 is a statutory body. The Board provides the strategic leadership for all safeguarding work across the Borough. In Solihull we aim to prevent and reduce the risk of significant harm to adults from abuse or other types of exploitation, whilst supporting individuals in maintaining control over their lives and in making informed choices without coercion.



## **Our work is directed by the following equal principles:**

- *Empowerment – Presumption of person led decisions and informed consent.*
- *Prevention – It is better to take action before harm occurs.*
- *Proportionality – Proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.*
- *Protection – Support and representation for those in greatest need.*
- *Partnership – Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.*
- *Accountability – Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.*



**We will do this by** identifying key priorities each year to focus on



**We will know we have made a difference because we will** – ask people, monitor performance and audit practices.

## **We do our work by:**

- *Having a jointly funded Independent Chair providing consistency and direction.*
- *A large multi-agency strategic partnership Board who meet quarterly*
- *An Policies and Procedures Sub Committee who develop of policy, procedures, protocols and guidance for the partnership.*
- *A Engagement and Prevention Sub Committee who raise awareness and develop Early Intervention strategies.*
- *A Performance and Audit Sub Committee who develop and implement the Boards Quality Assurance Framework.*
- *A Learning and Improvement Sub Committee who lead the learning and development across the partnership – especially from Safeguarding Adult Reviews*
- *Arranging for Safeguarding Adult Reviews when things go seriously wrong.*
- *Organising Task and Finish Groups.*
- *A Safeguarding Focus Group which is specifically to inform, support and challenge the work of the Board.*

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## KEY PRIORITIES

### Financial Abuse



### Exploitation/ Transitions



### Embedding

- MSP
- Engagement
- Provider Assurance

## ACTIONS

- I. We will carry out research to understand the areas of concerns to enable the work required to be targeted for maximum impact and effect.
- II. We will develop a campaign to raise awareness of financial abuse.
- III. We will provide training opportunities to up-skill professionals and practitioners.
- IV. We will develop a partnership approach.

- I. We will support and monitor the work of the Exploitation Reduction Board and Delivery Group.
- II. We will provide training opportunities to up-skill professionals and practitioners.

- I. We will review and enhance the Board MSP Performance Indicators.
- II. We will participate in the LGA/ADASS MSP outcome Framework.
- III. We will carry out multi agency case file audits.
- IV. We will ensure (where appropriate) all board papers and presentations consider their contribution to MSP.

- I. We will develop a one page Engagement Approach for 2019-20.
- II. We will ensure (where appropriate) all board papers and presentations references the engagement carried out or planned.

- I. Provider assurance from key Board members will be a routine agenda item for the SAB.
- II. We will review and enhance the Boards Performance Indicators in relation to Providers Assurance.
- III. SARs relating to Organisational Abuse locally, regionally or nationally will inform learning for Solihull.

## IMPACT

- Adults who have experienced financial abuse will say they are safer or know how to keep themselves safe from financial abuse.
- People who have been through the safeguarding adult process due to financial abuse will share their experience to inform learning and improvement.
- Professionals and practitioners will say they feel more skilled to manage allegations of financial abuse.
- Data will evidence positive change.

- Professionals and practitioners will say they feel more skilled to support individuals transitioning from childhood to adulthood and experiencing exploitation.
- Individuals transitioning from childhood to adulthood will receive the support they need from the appropriate agency at the most appropriate time.
- Robust processes will be in place to support individuals, professionals and practitioners.
- Data will evidence positive change.

- The board will say it is assured Making Safeguarding Personal is an approach used to positive effect in Solihull.
- Data will evidence positive change.
- Solihull will be seen as a site for MSP Best Practice.

- The board will be informed by peoples experience, views and contributions.
- Activities will evidence positive change.
- Solihull will be seen as a site for Best Practice.

- The board will say it understands the quality of services in the Borough and the initiatives available to improve services.
- Data will evidence positive change.