



Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016-17

Easy Read Summary

This report tells you about the work done between April 2016 and March 2017 by the Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board.

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding means protecting people from abuse and neglect.

People should be as independent as possible and make choices about how they want to live and still be safeguarded.

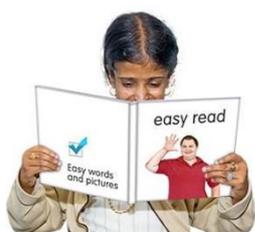


Abuse is when someone does or says things that frighten you or cause you harm.

Neglect is when your care and support needs are not being met.



Abuse and neglect is wrong.



A new easy read leaflet ***“Keeping Adults Safe from Abuse and Neglect”*** was introduced in November 2016, you may find it useful to read. It will tell you more about the different types of abuse and neglect.

BACKGROUND

In 2014 a new law called the **Care Act** came into force. The law says we must have a Safeguarding Adults Board.



The Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board works with other organisations in Peterborough to make sure that adults with care and support needs are not abused or neglected, The Board is made up of people from lots of different organisations.

The Board also has some new legal responsibilities – things they must do

- They must have someone from Adult Social Care, the police and Health groups on the Board.
- They must write an **Annual Report** about what it has done.
- They must have a plan for what it will do each year.

The **local authority** (council) also has a duty to look into concerns about abuse.

All organisations have a duty to work together to keep people safe from abuse.



We also want to make sure that adults who are abused or neglected are asked how they want to be kept safe in the future. This is called '**Making Safeguarding Personal**'.

We want all our partners to work this way.

THE PRINCIPLES OF SAFEGUARDING



There are **six principles** for adult safeguarding that helps us understand what we need to do

1. Empowerment - People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent.
“I am asked what I want to happen.”
2. Prevention - It is better to take action before harm occurs.
“I know what abuse is, and what I can do to get help.”
3. Proportionality - Proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.
“I know that professionals will help only as much as I want them to.”
4. Protection - Support and representation for those in greatest need.
“I get help I want so that I am able to take part in the safeguarding process.”
5. Partnership - Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.
“I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is necessary.”
6. Accountability - Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.
“I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they.”

SUB-GROUPS



The Safeguarding Adults Board has 4 groups of people called sub-groups who look at how we can make sure that safeguarding happens in the right way.

Policy, Practice and Procedures sub-group

This group develops the policies and procedures for professionals to use to report concerns and put plans in place to safeguard adults.

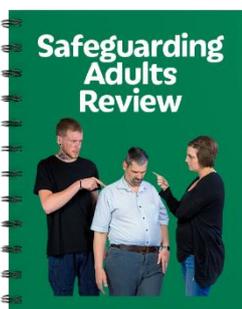
Quality and Effectiveness sub-group

This group looks at how the Board checks things and makes sure everyone works in the same way.

Training and Development sub-group

This group looks at what training is needed to help people be better at Safeguarding. They make sure everyone knows about policies and procedures and how to share information in the right way.

Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) sub-group



The Board has a legal duty to carry out a Safeguarding Adult Review when an adults at risk of abuse and neglect has died or has been seriously hurt.

One Safeguarding Adults Review was completed during 2016-2017.

This group looked at how the agencies worked together to safeguard that adult. They also looked at whether abuse or neglect has contributed to their death. The review helped agencies learn lessons about the way they safeguard adults at risk to stop it happening again.

SAFEGUARDING FACTS AND FIGURES

In 2016-17

There were 1825 concerns of abuse dealt with in Peterborough



Most abuse was reported by health care staff, social workers and the police



Most abuse happened to people over 65 and to women

Most abuse took place in the adults own home

The most common type of abuse was neglect, followed by physical abuse and then financial abuse.

2016- 2017 BUSINESS PRIORITIES

What did we want to do	How we did it
<p>Priority 1: Work together with all agencies to safeguard adults at risk of abuse and neglect,</p>	<p>We met regularly to share ideas and to challenge each other. We produced a regular newsletter sharing information about Safeguarding. We held a free conference for agencies to learn more about Domestic Abuse.</p>
<p>Priority 2: Deliver policy and procedures.</p>	<p>We introduced the new Peterborough Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures. Professionals use these to know how to respond to concerns of abuse or neglect.</p>
<p>Priority 3: Make sure people have the right skills/knowledge to recognise and safeguard adults at risk of abuse and neglect.</p>	<p>We introduced new training and awareness events, including self-neglect and domestic abuse.</p>
<p>Priority 4: Find out if adults at risk of abuse and neglect are easily identified and safeguarded.</p>	<p>We looked at how agencies identify adults who may be at risk. We raised awareness at community events and by visiting voluntary groups so people know what abuse and neglect is, that it is wrong and what to do about it.</p>



Domestic Abuse

Ensure that adults at risk of abuse and neglect are protected from all types of Domestic Abuse; and when victims are identified they are provided with support to recover and are safeguarded.



Neglect (including self-neglect and hoarding)

Ensure that adults, at risk of abuse and neglect, in all settings, are protected from neglect; and when victims are identified they are provided with support to recover and are safeguarded.



Adults living with mental health issues

Ensure that adults at risk of abuse and neglect are protected and that professionals are trained to notice changes in symptoms and behaviours that may indicate a deterioration in their mental health.



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These are the organisations who are members of the Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board

