

Cheshire West & Chester Safeguarding Adults Board Easy Read Annual Report Summary 2023 - 24





I am Ian, the Independent Chair of the Cheshire West & Chester Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).

This report is about what the SAB did in 2023-24 to keep adults with care and support needs safe from abuse and neglect.

Safeguarding means protecting your right to live

- in safety
- free from abuse
- free from neglect



The Safeguarding Adults Board includes people from:

- Cheshire West & Chester Council
- Police
- Health services
- Criminal justice service
- Fire and Rescue Service

and many other organisations that keep people safe.





They make sure that people from these organisations, are working in the best way to protect adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect.

Every year the Board must write a report, to let people know what the Board has done to make sure adults with care and support needs are protected from abuse and neglect.



The Board says *“people with care and support needs in Cheshire West need to be able to live their lives free from harm”*

The Board has Four Goals:

1. Make sure people are safe and can protect themselves from harm
2. Make sure adult safeguarding in Cheshire West & Chester is good
3. Make sure staff are well trained
4. Review when things go wrong so they can get better

WHAT HAS THE BOARD DONE OVER THE LAST YEAR?

OBJECTIVE 1: MAKE SURE THAT SAFEGUARDING SERVICES WORK WELL, AND THE PERSON IS AT THE CENTRE OF WHAT WE DO



All of the people at the meetings told each other what they are doing to keep people safe.

The SAB looked at some cases to see what was working well and what could work better when people are not looking after themselves (called self-neglect).



We made a new booklet so that people know what safeguarding is and how to keep safe.

OBJECTIVE 2: WORK WITH THE CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP TO KEEP ADULTS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE



We have worked together with other boards to keep people of all ages safe

We worked with other people in Cheshire to share learning about how we can keep people safe.

We took part in National Safeguarding Adults Week.



OBJECTIVE 3: TO CARRY ON LETTING PEOPLE KNOW WHAT ADULT SAFEGUARDING IS



We offer training so that people know what safeguarding is and how to report it

More people reported safeguarding this year because they had been trained



The board sends a newsletter throughout the year to let people know what the board is doing and how people can book training

Our website lets people know what the LSAB is doing to keep people safe. People can book training through the website and can find out what is going on in Cheshire West and Chester

OBJECTIVE 4: TO GET PEOPLE TO CHECK THE BOARD IS WORKING WELL



We had a development day to ask people what the board should look at for the next year.

We looked at what the board is doing well and what we need to do better. We thought about what we need to be good at. Next year CQC (the Care Quality Commission) are going to talk to us about our work and how we keep people safe.



OUR PLANS FOR 2024-25



Plan 1: People and Outcomes

Making sure safeguarding is all about the person and what they want to happen and how it will happen.

Plan 2: Governance, Systems & Processes

Making sure we do what we need to safeguard adults, like checking serious cases.



Plan 3: Partnerships and Community Engagement

Talking about our work and making sure people understand safeguarding.



Our goals will support these plans





For more information and how to contact us:

You can email us (LSAB) at:

lsab@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk



You can visit the Council website at:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Look for the search box to the top right and type Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB). Information should be first in the search results.



For extra support

You can contact Disability Positive:

Telephone: 01606 331 853

Email: info@disabilitypositive.org

Website: www.disabilitypositive.org

To report a safeguarding concern If you are worried about someone and want some help on how to report it. You can call the Community Access Team:
Telephone: 0300 123 7034



To contact Adult Social Care

Visit the Council website at:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk