

Our Strategic Statement

Our Vision is that residents of the Wigan Borough can live safely, free from harm, and abuse or the fear of abuse, in communities which:

Have a culture that does not tolerate abuse.

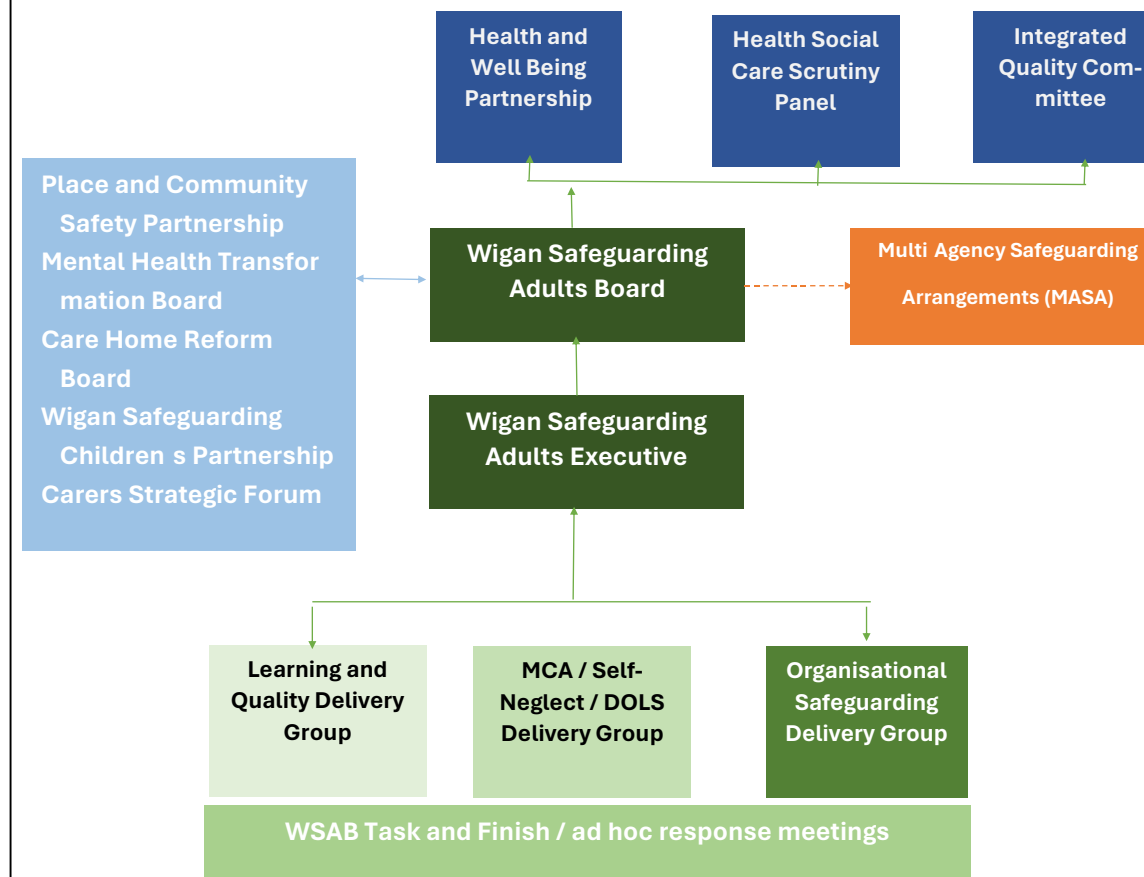
Work together to prevent abuse.

Know what to do when abuse happens.

Our Ambition is that the Safeguarding Adults Board works within a broader partnership to:

- Champion the interests and rights of adults at risk of abuse and neglect.
- Ensure there is an emphasis on outcomes for adults at risk of abuse and neglect.
- Provide independent and objective challenge and leadership that is essential to ensure the best outcomes for those in need of protection and safeguarding amidst competing priorities.
- Involve all partners, not just police, health and the local authority, with a clear platform and duty to co-operate.
- Scrutinise and improve practice - using a range of new practice and individual user led approaches and meaningful measures to provide accountable oversight and feedback on performance and outcomes, with a focus on before crisis and that incorporates early help across the life course.
- Learn from experience and evidence of what works well – creating workable strategic and operational arrangements that fit form to function and are proportionate, efficient, effective, and adequately resourced.
- Meet the leadership challenge of connecting multiple partners together and collaborate to achieve common goals and within new ways of working.

Wigan Safeguarding Adult Board Governance Arrangements



2023/24 High Level Priorities

WSAB / Exec

- Continue to develop and implement an overall response to management of risk within and across the partnership rooted in collaboration and partnership support
- Develop and implement an overall response to positive information sharing across the system

Learning and Improvement / Quality Assurance

- Consolidate existing learning and impact of actions taken BLRs / SARs / LEDERS via our Learning Outcomes Framework (LOF)
- Focus on quality assurance activity that supports improvement in Safeguarding Enquiries

Organisational Safeguarding

- Review and refresh group priorities to include :
Pressure Ulcer Guidance and response
Extending the Safeguarding Tier System,
Falls Policy Outcomes Framework

Self-Neglect / MCA / DOLS

- Delivery group to develop and implement a system plan for self-neglect and outcomes framework
- Develop and implement a system wide plan for improvement in timeliness, focus and effectiveness of mental capacity assessments across all settings

Mental Health

- Develop and implement a local MOU / protocol regarding MHA Section 140 Policy
- Develop and implement a local MOU / protocol regarding MHA Section 117 Policy
- Deliver assurance on key MH transformation plans linked to case review recommendations.

Complex & Contextual Safeguarding

- Support the implementation of a Vulnerable Adults Risk Management Framework within a wider partnership response to people who present as complex / high risk

Domestic Abuse

- Work with DA Steering Group to embed effective response in S42 processes

The 6 Care Act & Safeguarding Principles:

- **Empowerment**
- **Protection**
- **Proportionality**
- **Prevention**
- **Partnership**
- **Accountability**

Our Behaviours



Be Positive

...take pride in all that you do



Be Accountable

...be responsible for making things better



Be Courageous

...be open to doing things differently



Be Kind

...be helpful, generous and thoughtful towards others

Strategic Priorities

Accountability, Assurance & Leadership

“Wigan has an effective Safeguarding Adults Board which fulfils its statutory responsibilities, has strong leadership and governance arrangements, and promotes a culture of collective accountability, respectful challenge and continuous learning “

Strategic Objectives

Continue to develop the WSAB and broader governance arrangements

Develop arrangements with other Strategic Boards to be responsive and adapt, based on available data and intelligence to emerging safeguarding themes (both locally & nationally)

Undertake risk / horizon scanning and respond accordingly to any changes that may impact on the effectiveness and / or efficiency of Safeguarding in Wigan.

Ensuring robust mechanisms are in place for partners to be held to account for their safeguarding practice.

Develop a partnership outcome framework

Develop an assurance framework to ensure and be assured that partners and services have in place a minimum standard set of policies, practice, capacity, and capability regarding safeguarding adults

To raise awareness of the Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) process, and ensure threshold decision making is consistent across Wigan.

Quality Practice, Learning & Improvement

“ Services & staff are learning and improving in their safeguarding practice and adult safeguarding risk is better understood by WSAB and appropriately assessed by partners.”

Strategic Objectives

Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews and multi-agency audits is effectively embedded into practice and facilitating organisational change across agencies, leading to better outcomes for adults.

Variety of feedback mechanisms available across staff groups and organisations (learning forums, reflective supervisions, newsletters)

Robust multi-agency safeguarding data to shape any multi-agency training offers, awareness and practice, and affect change when required.
High-quality risk assessments, well documented and accessible to all

The workforce is equipped to support adults appropriately where abuse and neglect are suspected through implementation of a robust workforce development and training strategy.

Policies, Strategies & Procedures

“Our partners work within a framework of policies and procedures that keep people safe”

Strategic Objectives

Our partners work within a framework of policies and procedures that keep people safe and can demonstrate this within the WSAB framework

Multi-agency safeguarding strategies, policies and procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure currency, reflecting emerging legislation, policy and/or learning, and that these are easily accessible to frontline staff and used effectively

Establishing robust feedback mechanisms to ensure safeguarding practice is in line with current best practice and the Care Act 2014.

Undertaking assurance activity to test compliance and effectiveness of implementation of local safeguarding and adult protection policy and procedure.

To raise awareness of safeguarding policy and procedure related to specific local safeguarding challenges.

Early Intervention and Prevention

“Adults at risk are identified early and have their needs met promptly and effectively

Strategic Objectives

We will improve awareness of safeguarding, including “complex” safeguarding, across all communities, especially with those who are isolated, diverse and underrepresented by reviewing our communication approach and developing a measurable action plan.

There will be a “no wrong door” approach to raising concerns and / or accessing support. People will be able to raise concerns and access support in a timely manner and from wherever they seek

There will be strong connections established with other key programmes of work which relate to safeguarding and a shared understanding of the interrelationships between them. This includes, but is not limited to; Mental Health, Suicide, Self-Neglect, Substance Misuse / Addiction, Domestic Violence & Homelessness

Invest in our Safeguarding Tier System