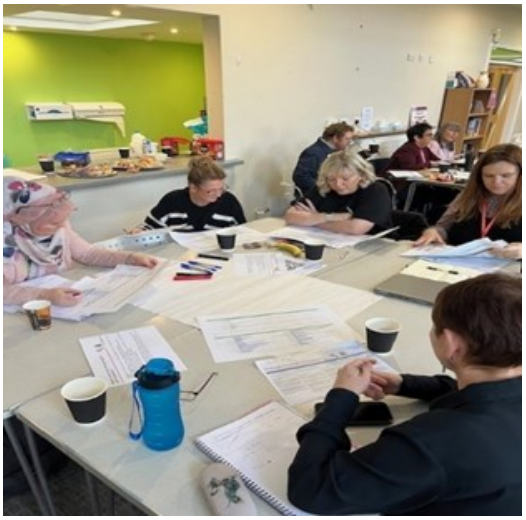
Wigan Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter

Welcome to the Winter 2025 addition of the Wigan Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter and a Happy New Year from all of us. . We hope you find this newsletter useful and we welcome any feedback which you can send to us by emailing

wsabtraining@wigan.gov.uk

WSAB Development Day

In November last year, WSAB held a Development Day. It was great to see all of our partners come together to refresh our strategy for the next three years. The day consisted of formulating our mission statement, values and behaviours. Incorporating Progress with Unity, working together with our partners and communities to create fair opportunities for our residents. Discussions took place around setting our priorities and objectives, integrating the digital movement that continues to grow and being innovative in our approach.



MAPPT Team/VARM Process

On the 1st of November 2022 the Adult Safeguarding Team launched the Multi-agency Prevention Protection Team (MAPPT), incorporating the Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) process. The team is made up of 5 Social Workers who work as co-ordinators within the VARM model. The VARM process is a multi-agency, adult risk management process to support multi-agency working around vulnerable adults deemed to **have mental capacity**, but who are at risk of serious harm or death. Our criteria under this process is that the person MUST have capacity to make decisions and choices, does not meet the criteria for Section 42 safeguarding (The Care Act 2014), is at risk of serious harm or death and/or there is a significant risk to the health and safety of others in the community. You can find more information about the MAPPT team and the VARM model along with our referral process on the WSAB website or you can e-mail us at MAPPT@wigan.gov.uk. We are also offering presentations to roll out this process and an opportunity to meet the team.

Please see the below link for more information and the referral form: Vulnerable Adults Risk Management (VARM)

What'sUp Champion Network Christmas Meeting

On the 19th of December 2024 the What'sUp Champion Network met at Molyneux House. We were delighted to welcome five new Champions and enjoyed getting to know them all. As the year was coming to an end, it was an opportunity for the Champions to reflect back on the last 12 months and celebrate everything we had achieved as a group. The meeting consisted of lots of festive fun, including a Christmas Quiz, Guess the Christmas Song, Power Flower activity and lots of singing. The Champion are looking forward to next year and continuing the important work.

Goodbye and thank you from Paula Johnson and Hello from the new Named Nurse for Safeguarding Adults

A message from Paula Johnson…

'*Thank you to all partner agencies for the fantastic collaborative working, communication, and the completion of several key work streams that have benefitted service users and service delivery over the last 3 years.' We wish Paula all the best in her retirement* .

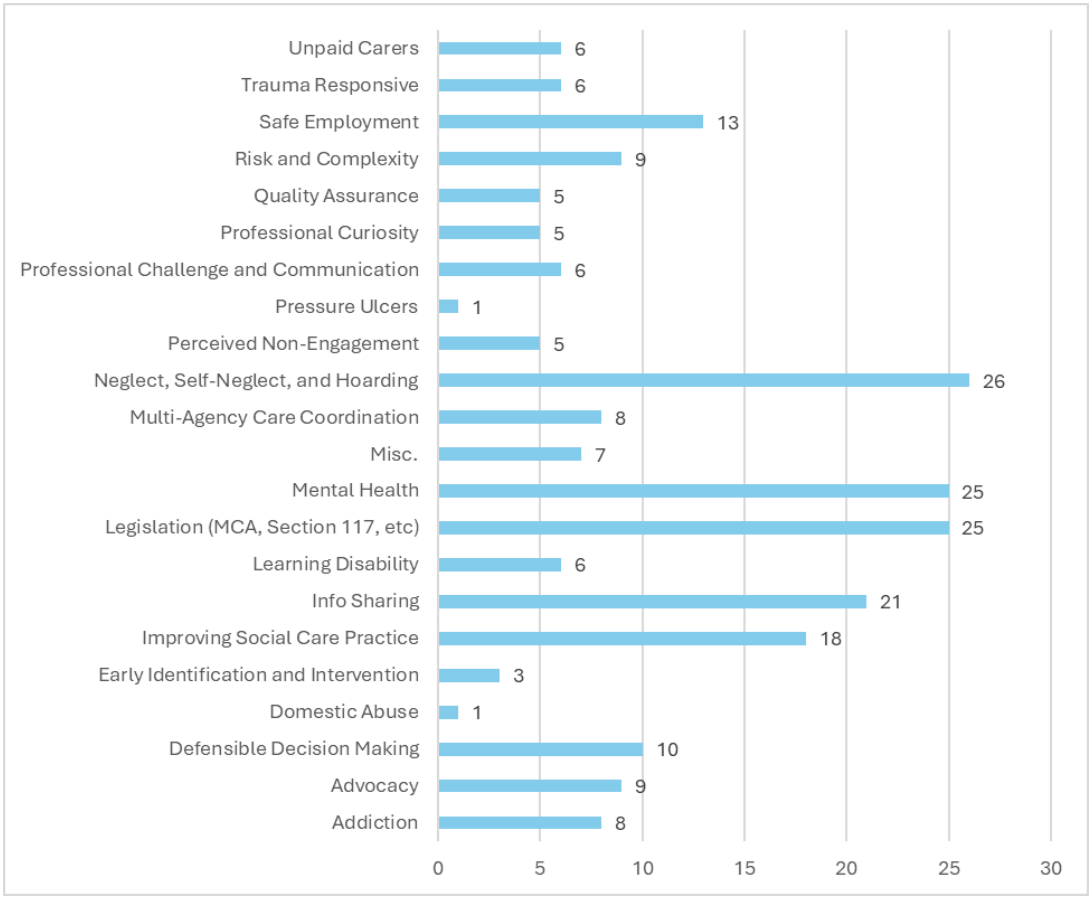
WSAB would like to welcome Amy Booth into the partnership as the new Named Nurse for Safeguarding Adults within Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WWL).

Amy brings 17 years of experience across WWL. As a Registered Nurse, qualified Best Interest Assessors and CPI Instructor. Amy is excited to take on this new challenge and is fully committed to ensuring the Think Family Safeguarding model is fully embedded within the organisation.

Learning and Improvement Update

WSAB continue to work closely with agencies on several Brief Learning Reviews (BLR's). Self-neglect occurred within a majority of these cases and when analysing overall learning trends, self-neglect is one of the highest thematic areas within the WSAB Learning Outcomes Framework (LOF). Adult Social Care (ASC) data shows that self-neglect continues to be in the top two types of abuse organisationally, averaging approximately 126 safeguarding alerts per month.

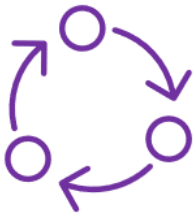
Below is an extract from the LOF.



Following on from the recent trend within BLR's, WSAB and ASC conducted a dip sample of self-neglect cases. It was recognised that self-neglect is a partnership concern.

Brief learning points are below:

- Consideration of Self Neglect Panel at earlier stages
- Drift and Delay
- Duplication of Alerts
- Agency Attendance at meetings



Learning and Improvement Update Continued

Good practice was woven throughout the dip sample which included some of the following:

- Robust protection plan and actions from strategy meetings/Risk Management Meetings.
- Defensible decision making/robust rationales.
- Identifying previous repeated self-neglect alerts.
- Regular monthly Risk Management Reviews with adult at risk and advocate.
- Good cross boarder communication and information sharing.

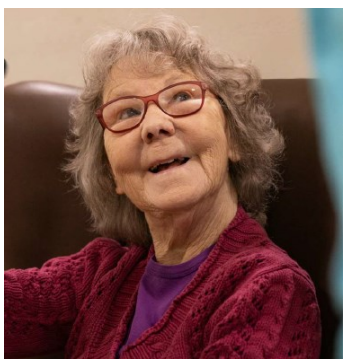
As a result of the findings a multi-agency Self-Neglect subgroup has been established. The subgroup will drive recommendations from the dip sample findings along with self-neglect actions within the WSAB Learning Outcomes Framework (LOF).

Should you want to discuss further findings or be part of any developments please contact Sian Street (s.street@wigan.gov.uk).

Music Café for people living with Dementia

The music café will run every Monday starting from the 20th of January 2025 from 2pm-3:30pm and it is free to attend.

It is based at Turnpike Gallery, Civic Square, Leigh WN7 1EB.

To attend the music café or for more information on parking and accessibility please contact:

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