



THE PRIDE OF ADULT SAFEGUARDING AWARDS

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Foreword

Dr Suzanne Smith, Independent Chair, Wigan Safeguarding Adults Board

I am delighted to introduce the inaugural Pride of Adult Safeguarding Awards—a powerful new initiative developed in collaboration with our What's Up Champions. These awards are a celebration of the dedication, compassion, and collaborative spirit shown by our partners and communities in achieving positive safeguarding outcomes.

Guided by our renewed focus, Progress with Unity, the awards reflect our unwavering commitment to the six key principles of safeguarding, as well as the values and behaviours that underpin all our work. In particular, this initiative highlights our shared belief in “doing the right thing” and “showing our love and pride.”

More than just a celebration, these awards are an opportunity to raise awareness of safeguarding and its transformative impact when done well. Through the lens of our Know This Place principle, we aim to spotlight the incredible work taking place across our communities to protect and empower our most vulnerable adults.

The awards process is closely aligned with our strategic priorities, especially in promoting preventative approaches and showcasing initiatives that make a real difference. It also supports our Quality Assurance Framework¹ by capturing meaningful evidence of impact, reinforcing our commitment to transparency and continuous improvement.

At the heart of this process is a deep commitment to Making Safeguarding Personal ensuring the participation and engagement of our residents and communities is central to everything we do.

I look forward to reading the inspiring nominations and celebrating the outstanding contributions of our finalists. Thank you for supporting this important new chapter in our safeguarding journey—and best of luck!

¹ Quality Assurance Framework



Introduction

Wigan Safeguarding Adults Board recognise that working together with our communities and helping people live safer and happier lives is key to improving outcomes. As a board in line with Progress with Unity we have a unique and genuine commitment to work together as a collective for the good of the borough.

In line with Progress with Unity we have created an awards process that creates a new multi-agency award for practice, initiatives and community involvement that recognises excellent work that demonstrate tangible outcomes.



About the Board

The Wigan Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) is made up of a partnership that agrees on how different services and professional groups will work together to safeguard adults at risk of abuse or neglect across the borough.

The Board oversees all organisations in Wigan and Leigh that work with adults at risk and have a responsibility to ensure the safeguarding system works well to protect them.

WSAB Statutory Duties under the Care Act 2014²

- It must publish an evidence based strategic plan for each financial year that sets out how it will meet the above objective and what each member will do to achieve this.
- It must publish an annual report detailing what the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and each member has done during the year to achieve the above objective and implement the strategic plan and detail the findings of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews that have taken place.
- It must conduct any Safeguarding Adults Reviews under Section 44 of the Act.

For more information about the WSAB please visit
www.wigansafeguardingadults.org



Values, Behaviours and award categories

There will be six annual awards in line with the six key principles that underpin all adult safeguarding work. In addition, we are pleased to also recognise work undertaken on a more regular basis with a special recognition award. You will be asked to confirm which awards you are submitting your nomination for within the nomination process.

Below is a breakdown of each award and what we are looking for when shortlisting applications and making our decision

Please also bear in mind our board values and behaviours when considering your submission:

In line with Progress with Unity, we have a unique and genuine commitment to work together as a collective for the good of the borough. The success we've had has come from our culture, behaviours and approach to working alongside our communities.

Through 'Progress with Unity' we will strengthen the way we work through the following six tried and tested ways of working to achieve long-lasting change and will be adopted as WSAB's values and behaviours.

WSAB Values & Behaviours

See the person

Take a person-centred approach by putting people at the heart of every conversation, recognising their strengths and assets.

Listen Deeply

Recognise that communities know best about what matters to them and design public services together.

Know this place

Focus on what helps prevent problems and connect up data and local insight to target when and where solutions are needed.

Connect to neighbourhoods

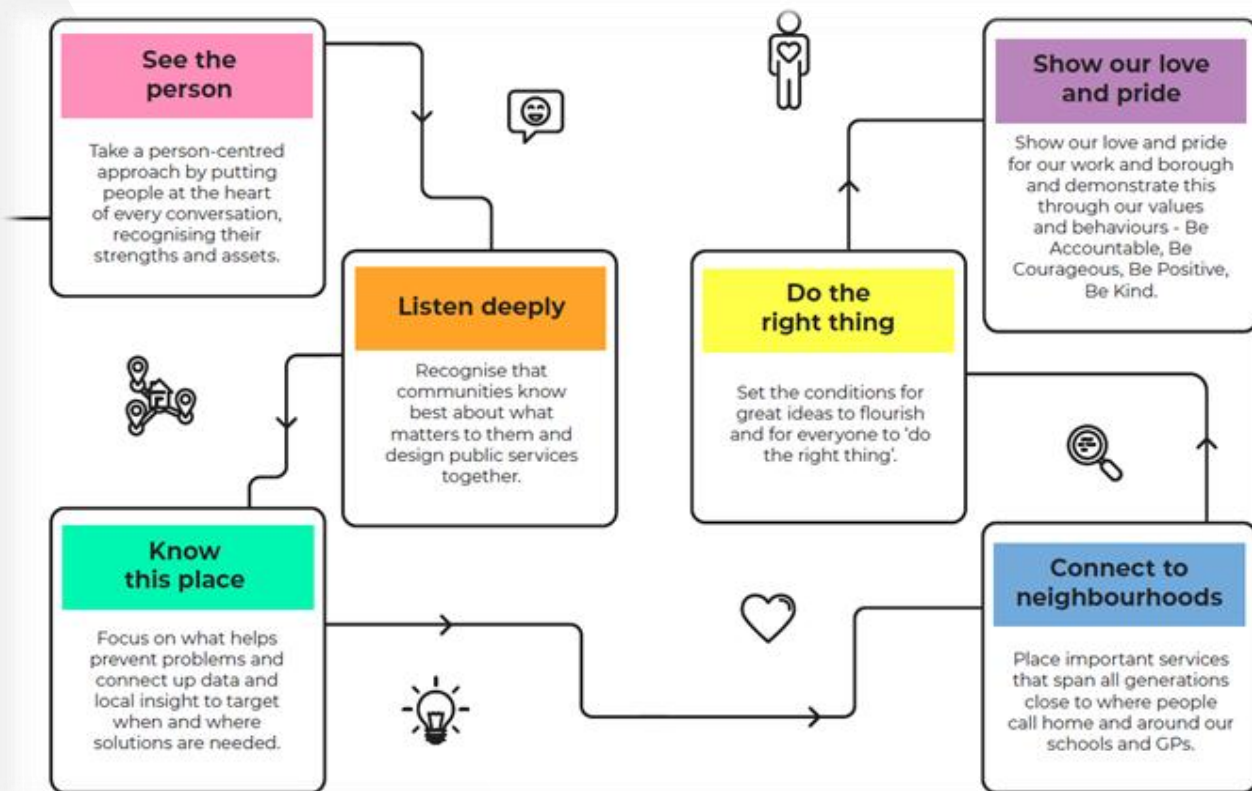
Place important services that span all generations close to where people call home and around our schools and GPs.

Do the right thing

Set the conditions for great ideas to flourish and for everyone to 'do the right thing'.

Show our love and pride

Show our love and pride for our work and borough and demonstrate this through our values and behaviours – be accountable, be courageous, be positive and be kind.



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Award Category	Description
Empowerment	Annual award looking at practice or initiatives with excellent outcomes that came from empowering our residents or communities to make their own decisions with informed consent. Nominations should outline how work has taken a person-centred approach putting people at the heart of what is delivered with a strength and asset-based approach.
Prevention	Annual award looking at practice or initiatives with excellent outcomes that came from prevention work with individuals or our communities. Nominations should outline how we have used the principles of 'doing the right thing' setting conditions for great ideas to flourish. Nominations will show how we have reduced inequality and kept people safer through early approaches.
Proportionality	Annual award looking at practice or initiatives with excellent outcomes that demonstrate a proportionate response to arising risk with least intrusive practices.
Protection	Annual award for those who have shown great practice or undertaken initiatives that shows we have supported and represented those in greatest need.

<p>Partnership</p>	<p>Annual award for initiatives that work closely with our communities around local solutions to safeguarding. Initiatives should focus on how communities can play a part in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse. Nominations will show how work has been undertaken to know our communities and listen deeply to our communities.</p>
<p>Accountability</p>	<p>Annual award to practice or initiatives that have shown excellent outcomes in improving accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding</p>

What is the nomination and decision Process?

To nominate a staff member, organisation, initiative or member of the public* for one of our awards please complete the form on the below link. Remember to look at the above categories and in particular what we are looking for. It is incredibly important to include any outcomes alongside the difference made. Nominations should ideally include the voice of those whose lives have been affected by work undertaken.

Nominations should not contain personal information other than details of who is being nominated and your details outlined on the form. Any award write ups should be anonymised appropriately ensuring we do not identify individuals, even indirectly.

Those who are being nominated should be made aware of the nomination prior to submission.

*Please ensure you have consent to share information, and the person is aware of the nomination

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Once nominations are received these will be reviewed by the WSAB Business Unit and 3 shortlisted nominations will be put forward as finalists. Our What's Up champions (see below) will have the final decision on award winners.

The above form will guide you through the process, but we will require:

- **Date of Submission**
- **Your details**
 - Your name
 - Your role
 - Your organisation (if applicable)
 - Your Email address
 - Your phone number
- **Nominee details**
 - Their name
 - Their role (if applicable)
 - Their organisation (if applicable)
 - Their email address
 - Their phone number
- **Award Category – you will tick the applicable award**
- **Details of Nomination**
 - Summary of nomination checked against category criteria
 - Impact – what impact has this work had
 - Evidence – Optional but any further evidence that aids the nomination
 - Making safeguarding personal – How has the nominee made safeguarding personal with this piece of work
 - Legacy – Does this work have any benefits for future?
 - Any other comments to support your nomination
- Consent – Is the nominee aware of the nomination?
- Check re anonymisation of submission



WSAB Business Unit will score nominations based on the following criteria at shortlisting:

- ✓ Impact
- ✓ Legacy
- ✓ Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)
- ✓ Overall nomination vs category criteria

These will be scored against the below:

- ❖ 0 = No evidence shown
- ❖ 1 = Some Evidence shown
- ❖ 2 = Fully Evidenced
- ❖ 3 = Exceptional Evidence

Shortlisted nominations are then presented via a presentation to our What's Up Champions who use a voting system to select the winner.

About our What's Up Champions Group

'Guarding people to be safe'

The What's Up Champions are people that use services, but they also support other individuals to have a voice. The Champions help people to have the confidence in talking about any worries they may have about their safety, or about something that may be upsetting them. The champions also come together to work on co-production projects to improve services.

The aim is to have open conversations around safeguarding that focus on guarding people to be safe and improving services.

For further information about our champions visit www.wigansafeguardingadults.org/Champions





How will our awards be celebrated?

All nominees will receive an acknowledgement of their nomination, this will help recognise their work.

3 nominations from each category will be shortlisted and will be invited to a celebration event when winners will be announced. There will be places for colleagues, friends and family to join them.

Data Protection

By submitting a nomination, you are consenting to the processing of your personal data necessary for the administration of the award and you are confirming that you have the consent of any nominees for the processing of their personal data.

Any personal data submitted as part of the nomination process will be stored within the Wigan Adult Safeguarding Board (WSAB) folders on the Wigan Council secure cloud and shared with the lead partners within the WSAB. A version of the submission excluding your personal details and the nominee's personal details will be shared with the What's Up Champions for adjudication. Personal data will be retained for up to 7 years after an award has been adjudicated.

To see how Wigan Council processes your personal data, please see the privacy notice at [Wigan Council Primary Privacy Notice](#)





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Awards Process Flow Chart

