



Richmond and  
Wandsworth  
**Safeguarding  
Adults Board**

# Vision & Strategic Plan 2021-2023

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## Introduction

The Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board (RWSAB) is a statutory, multi-agency partnership coordinated by the local authority. It oversees and leads adult safeguarding across the Richmond and Wandsworth Council areas. The main objective of the SAB is to ensure that safeguarding arrangements across the partnership work effectively to prevent abuse and neglect and to protect people with care and support needs who may be at risk of abuse and neglect.

The strategic plan is a statutory requirement and its main purpose is to:

- specify the actions required by the SAB and partner agencies to implement the strategy
- inform the local community and all interested parties, including practitioners, about the work programme of the SAB.

This document sets out the Board's **Vision and its Strategic Plan** for the period 2020-2022. The RWSAB will set out its annual priorities in the SAB's annual business plan and report in the SAB annual report to what extent objectives have been achieved by the SAB and its partner agencies.

## Our Vision

The Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board (RWSAB) commit to the fundamental principle that all citizens of Richmond and Wandsworth Boroughs (irrespective of age, race, gender, culture, religion, physical or mental ill health; disability or sexual orientation) have a fundamental right to live an independent life free from harm and abuse.

All agencies will work together and commit to ensuring that Safeguarding is Everybody's Business. This will be done by:

- Raising **awareness** about abuse.
- **Preventing** abuse from happening wherever possible.
- **Reporting** and responding to concerns and incidents of harm and abuse.
- **Sharing information** and intelligence to reduce and remove risk.
- Share and utilise **learning** from safeguarding enquiries and reviews to develop practice and preventive strategies.
- Embed a "**Making Safeguarding Personal**" approach across the partnership which ensures people are involved and in control of all safeguarding activities.

## Safeguarding Principles

The RWSAB’s vision is based on and reflecting of the safeguarding principles contained in the Care Act 2014. There will be an expectation that partner agencies and professionals work effectively together in a way that reflects these principles and outcomes to residents:

Principle	Description	Outcomes for Richmond & Wandsworth residents
<b>Empowerment</b>	Adults are encouraged to make their own decisions and are provided with support and information	“I am asked what I want as the outcomes from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens.”
<b>Protection</b>	Adults are offered ways to protect themselves, and there is a co-ordinated response to adult safeguarding.	“I get help and support to report abuse and neglect. I get help so that I am able to take part in the safeguarding process to the extent to which I want.”
<b>Prevention</b>	Strategies are developed to prevent abuse and neglect that promotes resilience and self-determination.	“I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help.”
<b>Proportionate</b>	A proportionate and least intrusive response is made balanced with the level of risk	“I am sure that professionals will work in my best interests as I see them, and professionals will only get involved as much as needed.”
<b>Partnerships</b>	Local solutions through services working together within their communities.	“I am confident that professionals will work together, with me and my network, to get the best result for me. I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary.”
<b>Accountable</b>	Accountability and transparency in delivering a safeguarding response	“I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they.”

## RWSAB Governance

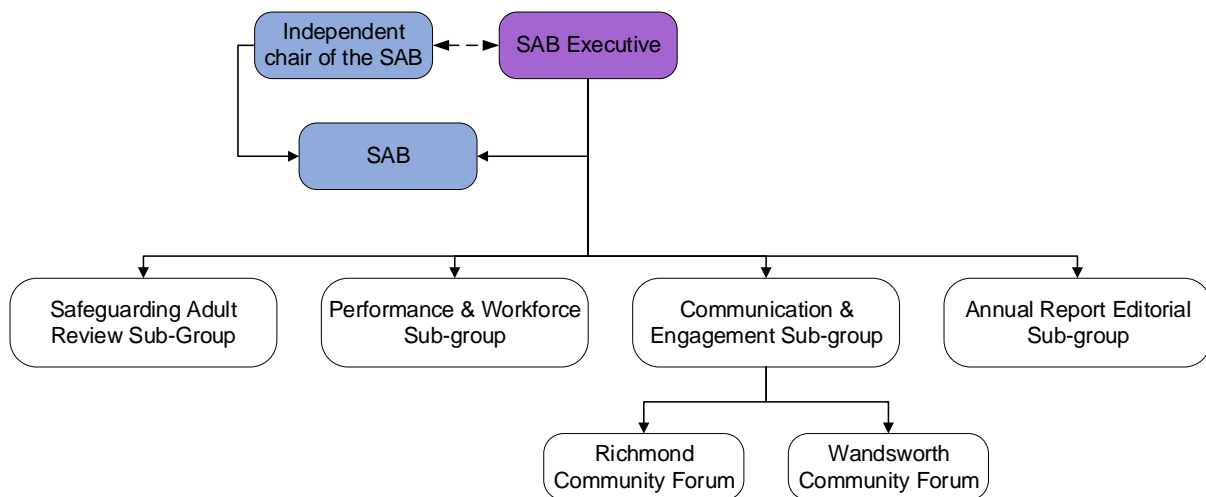
The Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adult Board (RWSAB) is part of a wider network of strategic leadership supporting adults at risk of harm and abuse (and who have care and support needs) across Richmond and Wandsworth. It holds thematic meetings which contribute towards a strategic approach to adult safeguarding in the areas.

The work of the RWSAB is led by an independent chair and the RWSAB Executive, which is made up of the key strategic partners – Council, Clinical Commissioning Group and South West London Basic Command Unit (Police). The membership comprises key statutory and non-statutory agencies within the two Boroughs, including agencies representing service users and Carers.

The RWSAB Executive is responsible for offering assurance to the wider membership that local safeguarding arrangements are working effectively and that they follow the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) guidance and safeguarding arrangements, set out in the London Multi-Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy and procedures, which have been adopted by the Board. This group oversees the work undertaken by the Sub-groups in delivering on the RWSAB’s Business Plan.

The RWSAB reports on its business to the Richmond and Wandsworth Health and Well Being Board and both Council Scrutiny Committees, senior leadership in the NHS and the Metropolitan Police, and to Healthwatch.

### RWSAB Structure:



The terms of reference for the RWSAB and its Executive and Sub-groups can be found on the [RWSAB website](#).

## Factors Shaping RWSAB Priorities

The 2-year plan highlights the RWSAB's strategic priorities and objectives. Several factors have helped to shape and influence these priorities including:

- The discussions with members at the **Annual General Meetings** and in other partnership forums which RWSAB has hosted.
- Responses to local and regional **events** which provide a focus on governance including the work of the London SAB, Making Safeguarding Personal and learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews.
- **Themes** emerging from local and national review of SARS

The themes which emerged included:

- Improve and strengthen the **prevention** offer particularly in relation to the most frequent forms of adult abuse i.e. financial abuse, neglect (including self-neglect) and physical abuse.
- Improve **awareness** of issues such as cybercrime, self-neglect, domestic abuse and modern-day slavery.
- Improve user and carer **involvement** in the SAB.
- Strengthen integration and **collaboration** with other statutory strategic partnership Boards such as Children's Safeguarding Partnerships, Community Safety Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- Embed a culture of **learning and continuous improvement** through effective learning from all Safeguarding Adult Reviews, not only those undertaken by the RWSAB.
- Improve effectiveness of **transitional safeguarding** arrangements through partnership collaboration.
- Maintain energy and **commitment** of all partners.

## RWSAB Priorities 2021-2023

### 1. Prevention and Early Intervention

- Promoting awareness of Adult Safeguarding.
- Strengthening collaboration and partnership working to prevent abuse and neglect.
- Gain assurance on the safety and effectiveness of safeguarding practice.
- Focus on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and the introduction of the Liberty Protection Safeguards.

### 2. Making Safeguarding Personal

- Engagement of experts by experience in delivering professional staff development events.
- Strengthening understanding and effective utilisation of the Mental Capacity Act to safeguard residents.
- Embed Making Safeguarding Personal in front line services across the partnership.

### 3. Learning lessons and shaping practice

- Obtain assurance that learning from SARs is embedded across the partnership.
- Improve effectiveness of transitional safeguarding arrangements through partnership collaboration.

#### How we conduct our business

Our annual work plans will reflect a cycle of review and revision:

##### SAB Vision and Strategic Plan 2021-23

- Sets out the principles and how the SAB will work together

##### SAB Annual Business Plan

- Sets out the annual priorities for the SAB, its Sub-groups and member agencies in order to meet strategic objectives

##### SAB Annual Report

- Reports on how successful the SAB and its partner organisations have been at meeting statutory strategic and business plan objectives