



Richmond and  
Wandsworth  
**Safeguarding  
Adults Board**

# Vision & Strategic Plan 2024-2029

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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 **Strategic Priorities** for the period 2024-2029. The RWSAB will set out its annual activities 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, Integrated Care Boards 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 annually 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.

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

## Factors Shaping RWSAB Priorities

This 5-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.
- **Consultation** with the community – through engagement groups like Carers Group, Older People's Forum and others.

# RWSAB Strategic Priorities 2024-2029

<p><u>Strategic Priority 1</u></p> <p><b>Prevention and Early Intervention</b></p>	<p><u>Strategic Priority 2</u></p> <p><b>Making Safeguarding Personal</b></p>
<p>Desired outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Adults from local communities are aware of what abuse is and how to keep themselves and those they care for safe.</li> <li>➤ Partners, service users, residents and carers recognise risk and are confident in how to report it.</li> </ul>	<p>Desired outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ People are listened to and have choice in shaping their safeguarding journey.</li> <li>➤ Safeguarding practice is person-centred, and outcomes focussed.</li> <li>➤ The voice of Richmond and Wandsworth residents is being heard and acted upon.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Strategic Priority 3</u></p> <p><b>Quality Assurance and Embedding Learning</b></p>	<p><u>Strategic Priority 4</u></p> <p><b>Safeguarding is everybody’s business</b></p>
<p>Desired outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We learn from when things go wrong, both locally and nationally, and take appropriate action to reduce risks.</li> <li>➤ We use learning to enhance practice across the partnership.</li> <li>➤ The RWSAB has robust multi-agency safeguarding data which is used to inform planning and practice.</li> </ul>	<p>Desired outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cross-sector working – maintain links with other strategic partnerships across shared priorities.</li> <li>➤ Vulnerable young adults are transitioning safely into adult services, including preparing for adulthood workstreams in Richmond and Wandsworth.</li> </ul>

## How we conduct our business

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

