



Richmond and
Wandsworth
**Safeguarding
Adults Board**

Business Plan 2022/23

OUR VISION

The Richmond & Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) 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

- Empowerment
- Protection
- Prevention
- Proportionate
- Partnerships
- Accountable

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021/22

Despite the significant impact of Covid-19 pandemic on agencies in the partnership, which included staffing issues, increase in demand for services (including increased numbers of safeguarding concerns, increase in demand for mental health services, domestic abuse and others) as well as directly dealing with the pandemic, the SAB ensured that all business plan actions were completed or substantially progressed. Some significant achievements are:

- Masterclasses organised around Mental Capacity Act, Making Safeguarding Personal and Self-neglect, Professional Curiosity and Unconscious Bias, and two training sessions on Cuckooing.
- Published the RWSAB Annual Report.
- The Board arranged social media messages on financial scams, raising general awareness around Safeguarding for National Safeguarding Adults Week, articles in partner agencies' newsletters around self-neglect and reporting abuse.
- Well-established 7-minute learning model for Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) helping to improve sharing of learning, including from other-Borough SARs.
- National Safeguarding Adults Week Learning Event around partnership working and sharing of information.
- SAPAT sent out in October 2021, covering period from April 2020 until September 2021. Good assurance of practice and learning from SARs was received, despite smaller response rate to previous years.
- The Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards have continued to highlight and awarded best practice across the partnership.
- The Multi-agency Risk Assessment Framework was promoted extensively.
- Factsheets around Making Safeguarding Personal and Principles of Engagement were produced and promoted.
- Continued positive multi-agency forums including CMARAP, VAMA and South-West London Safeguarding Leads Forum.
- Richmond and Wandsworth agencies submitted information for the [LGA/ADASS Covid Insight report](#).

BUSINESS PLAN

Priorities	Outcome	Activities	Responsibility	Completion
Prevention and early intervention	Increase awareness of Adults Safeguarding amongst members of the public in Richmond and Wandsworth with an aim of increase in safeguarding referrals from community members	1. Develop better understanding about safeguarding amongst community groups by presenting Safeguarding Awareness sessions at events in the community.	Communication and Engagement Sub-group and the two Forums	March 2023
	Enhance understanding of Adult Safeguarding Across the Partnership evidenced with a better quality of safeguarding referrals from partner agencies	2. Undertake analysis of Safeguarding referrals to obtain insight into the patterns relating to protected characteristics and ensure focus on identified target groups, which might be different in Richmond and Wandsworth.	Performance & Workforce Sub-group	February 2023
		3. Cascade messages and other communications both across RWSAB, and across other partnerships (i.e. messages around learning events, news, new policies and procedures, social media messages, blogs or articles).	Communication and Engagement Sub-group and the two Forums	March 2023
		4. Adopt an Escalation Policy to aid resolution to multi-agency safeguarding disputes.	SAB Executive	July 2022
	Develop effective partnership with Wandsworth Prison to support understanding of safeguarding	5. Engage Wandsworth Prison to encourage participation by prison staff in relevant meetings and learning events.	Independent Chair	October 2022

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	Reduce number of home fire accidents via improved awareness around home fire risk assessments and fire prevention interventions	6. Understand target groups' profiles of recent fire incidents.	Richmond and Wandsworth LFB and Communication and Engagement Sub-group	October 2022
		7. Promote home fire risk assessments to professionals and Housing providers.	Richmond and Wandsworth LFB and Communication and Engagement Sub-group	October 2022
Making Safeguarding Personal	Gain assurance that the safeguarding practice is in line with the Safeguarding Principles (Empowerment, Protection, Prevention, Proportionate, Partnerships, Accountable)	8. Undertake a multi-agency case audit to ensure Safeguarding practice effectiveness and that learning from SARs translates into practice.	Performance and Workforce Sub-group	March 2023
		9. Obtaining feedback and share the learning from LeDeR and NHS Safe and Wellbeing Reviews	Richmond and Wandsworth CCG Designated Safeguarding Leads	October 2022
		10. Gain assurance on the safety of practice within Mental Health Provision (linked to the national analysis by CQC (March 2022))	Richmond and Wandsworth CCG Directors of Quality	March 2023
		11. Support Public Health, Community Safety and Health partners to identify and share learnings from Drug & Alcohol Related Deaths Panel, Serious Incidents, Domestic Homicide Reviews and Suicide Panels.	Performance and Workforce Sub-group	September 2022
	Engagement of experts by experience in	12. Promote the use of experts by experience to be involved in learning and	Performance and Workforce Sub-group	March 2023

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	delivering professional staff development events	development sessions throughout the year.		
	Engage people with lived experience to inform practice development	13. Work together with agencies who are already engaging with people with lived experience to help inform practice.	SAB Executive	March 2023
	Facilitate Mental Capacity Act in practice	14. Promote sharing of best practice, tools and materials to practitioners across the partnership.	Performance and Workforce Sub-group	March 2023
		15. Keep partners informed on the developments around the Liberty Protection Safeguards and share relevant documents.	Communications and Engagement Sub-group	December 2022
Quality assurance on learning lessons and shaping practice	Obtain assurance that learning from SARs is embedded across the partnership	16. Receive feedback on impact of SAR learnings.	Performance and workforce Sub-group	September 2023
		17. Arrange a themed SAR assurance multi-agency workshop.	Independent Chair of RWSAB	December 2022
	Learning lessons from Covid Insight Report	18. Use innovative ways to help reduce and prevent social isolation whilst ensuring engagement with those who are digitally excluded.	Richmond and Wandsworth Community Forums	March 2023
	Collaborate with partners in the evolutions of the ICS locally to ensure Safeguarding Adults remains a focus	19. Engage the SAB Chairs across SWL to ensure shared approach to influencing safeguarding practice.	Independent Chair of RWSAB	December 2022
		20. Participate in the joint SWL ICS-led meetings of Adults and Children Boards' Chairs and Managers.	Independent Chair of RWSAB and SAB Coordinator	March 2023
	Improve effectiveness of transitional safeguarding	21. Receive updates on the Transitional Safeguarding Recovery Plan from the	SAB Executive	March 2023

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	arrangements through partnership collaboration	Wandsworth Safeguarding Young People's Board.		
		22. Align Transitions Priorities with Achieving for Children (Richmond)	SAB Executive	March 2023