

Calderdale Safeguarding Adults Board

Yearly Report 2023-2024



The Calderdale Safeguarding Adults Board is made up of statutory, voluntary and community organisations who support and protect adults in Calderdale.

We're responsible for keeping vulnerable adults safe from harm and promoting their wellbeing.

We work together to make sure services and people who work with adults at risk are protecting them in the right ways. We:



look
at records



gather
evidence



carry
out surveys



listen
and gather
feedback



monitor
how services
work.



Population of
Calderdale is
208,700.



In 2023/24, there were **4,433**
safeguarding concerns raised.

Of these concerns, **2,198**
needed formal safeguarding
enquiries to keep them safe.



We set up a new Safeguarding Engagement group to help us engage with children, young people, families, and adults.

Last year:

We checked that adults are safe from:

- neglect, including self-neglect
- physical, sexual, and emotional abuse
- domestic violence and abuse
- financial or material abuse.

We launched our SWAY Newsletter to share safeguarding news.

We held events and workshops for professionals, including Safeguarding Week.

We held a development day that focused on improving how we support children as they move to adult services. We also have new Transitional Safeguarding Principles.

We checked services were:

- involving people in planning their support and outcomes
- giving people the right assessments, including Mental Capacity Assessments
- offering advocacy support.

We introduced new procedures and guidance to help professionals protect adults facing challenges from the rising cost of living, mental health issues, and substance use.

We listened to people to find out what matters to them and how to improve support.

We looked at how poverty has affected people's lives and safety, including those living in their own home.

We offer professionals online training sessions and opportunities to attend courses.

- 2459 people attended courses
- 6016 took part in e-learning training sessions.

We checked that professionals are responding to issues and supporting people at risk quickly.

We developed safeguarding resources and toolkits for faith organisations, voluntary services, and sports organisations.

We carried out Safeguarding Adults Reviews to check if any actions needed to be put in place after an adult's death. This is to help professionals learn and services improve.

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This year's main findings:



Our Priorities for 2024-2025

- 1** To make sure services can work together by developing a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). This will help set out clear ways to support adults at risk and keep them safe.
- 2** To improve how we check and measure the difference support has made to people's lives. Collecting and using data and getting feedback about outcomes will help us improve services and the support people get.
- 3** To encourage development plans that help the workforce grow their skills, meet local needs, and protect people.
- 4** To increase awareness of different cultures, values, and beliefs in Calderdale. This will help professionals show respect and understand the best ways to protect and support people.
- 5** To make sure all our policies and procedures align and connect across Calderdale and the region. This will help us work together better and keep people safe.
- 6** To make sure children have the right support and a safe transition as they move to adults' services.

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