# **A black background with blue and green text  AI-generated content may be incorrect.Keeping Adults Safe in Calderdale Annual Report Summary 2024–2025**

The **Calderdale Safeguarding Adults Board (CSAB)** brings together organisations like the Council, Police, NHS, and voluntary services to protect adults who may be at risk of abuse or neglect. This year, the Board has made real progress in improving how adults are safeguarded in Calderdale, while also recognising there’s more work to do.

## **What’s Gone Well**

* **Fewer but Better-Focused Safeguarding Referrals**
Thanks to new [*Thresholds Guidance*](https://safeguarding.calderdale.gov.uk/thresholds-for-safeguarding-adults/) introduced in October 2024, there are fewer unnecessary referrals and more focus on adults who really need help. More referrals now meet the legal criteria for action under Section 42 of the Care Act.
* **More Adults Safeguarded at Home**
Fewer concerns are coming from care homes, and more from people living in their own homes. This helps professionals spot those who may be "hidden from sight."
* **Strong Outcomes**
87% of concluded safeguarding enquiries resulted in risks being either removed or reduced – a strong sign that help is effective when given.
* **Learning from Reviews**
Two new *Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)* were started this year. These reviews look at serious cases and help organisations learn lessons to avoid future harm. Learning from SARs has already led to better guidance and training, particularly around mental health, self-neglect, and support during transitions into adulthood.
* **Training and Awareness**
More staff have been trained, and new guidance was produced on key topics like self-neglect, engaging with adults who are hard to reach, and dealing with sexual safety concerns. Training attendance and e-learning completions continue to rise.
* **Public Engagement**
People across Calderdale – including carers and community groups – have helped shape the Board’s priorities. They’ve told us what’s working and what still needs to improve, especially around tackling stigma, language barriers, and inequality.

### **Transitional Safeguarding – Young People Transitioning to Adulthood**

The Board is working closely with children’s services to support young people as they move into adulthood. Special focus is on those with mental health needs, adverse childhood experiences, or those at risk of harm. Pilot projects are helping, but more work is needed to close service gaps and ensure smooth, safe transitions.

## **What Needs to Improve**

**⚠️ Advocacy Support**
Fewer adults received advocacy support in early 2025. Advocacy ensures people’s voices are heard in safeguarding decisions – so this will be a priority moving forward.

**⚠️ Timely Safeguarding Responses**
Some safeguarding cases in the community are complex and take time to resolve. The Board will work to speed up support for these individuals.

**⚠️ Better Data and Evidence**
More needs to be done to collect and analyse data around ethnicity, deprivation, asylum seekers, and people with complex lives to ensure everyone receives fair and effective safeguarding.

**⚠️ Embedding Learning into Practice**
While training is happening, the Board wants to make sure that lessons from past cases are really making a difference in day-to-day practice.

## **Looking Ahead – Priorities for 2025 and Beyond**

* 🏠 **Develop a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** to improve coordination and speed of response.
* 🔍 **Monitor the new Thresholds Guidance** to make sure it continues to help the right people.
* 👂 **Involve communities and individuals** more in shaping safeguarding work.
* 📊 **Improve how outcomes are measured** to ensure support really works.
* 🧠 **Strengthen support for young people**, especially those with complex needs.
* 🌍 **Promote inclusivity, reduce inequality,** by understanding and respecting different cultures and helping people get the support they need.
* 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 **Support the care workforce** with training and practical tools for complex safeguarding cases.

## **Final Message**

This year, CSAB has focused on listening, learning, and improving. By working closely with adults, carers, and professionals, the Board aims to make Calderdale a place where **every adult is protected, supported, and treated with dignity**.

For more information or to report a safeguarding concern, visit: <https://safeguarding.calderdale.gov.uk/>