

Summary of Our Annual Report 2022-2023

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Introduction/Purpose

- To give an overview of the purpose, role and responsibilities of the Safeguarding Adults Board and the membership.
- To give you a summary of key points of the Annual Report and:
 - To share with you the progress and achievements made by the Board and Partners this year.
 - To share key data activity of safeguarding adults within Birmingham.
 - To give an opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns.
 - To provide assurances of the safeguarding activity within Birmingham.



Our Vision

“ Our vision is that people with care and support needs in Birmingham are able to live their lives free from abuse and harm because we have a city that does not tolerate abuse or neglect; the community works together to prevent abuse and neglect and people know what to do when it happens.



Our Role

- Seeking assurance that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined in the Care Act.
- Ensuring that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused.
- Working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible.
- Ensuring that agencies and individuals work in a timely and proportionate manner where abuse or neglect has occurred.
- Seeking assurance that safeguarding practice is continually improving.
- We should concern ourselves with a range of issues that may impact people with care and support needs.



Our Core Duties

Safeguarding Adults Boards have three core duties as detailed by the Care Act 2014:

- To publish a Strategic Plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their members and partner agencies will contribute. The plan must be developed with the local community involvement and the SAB must consult the local Healthwatch.
- To publish an Annual Report detailing what the Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) has done during the year.
- To conduct any Safeguarding Adult Reviews in accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act.



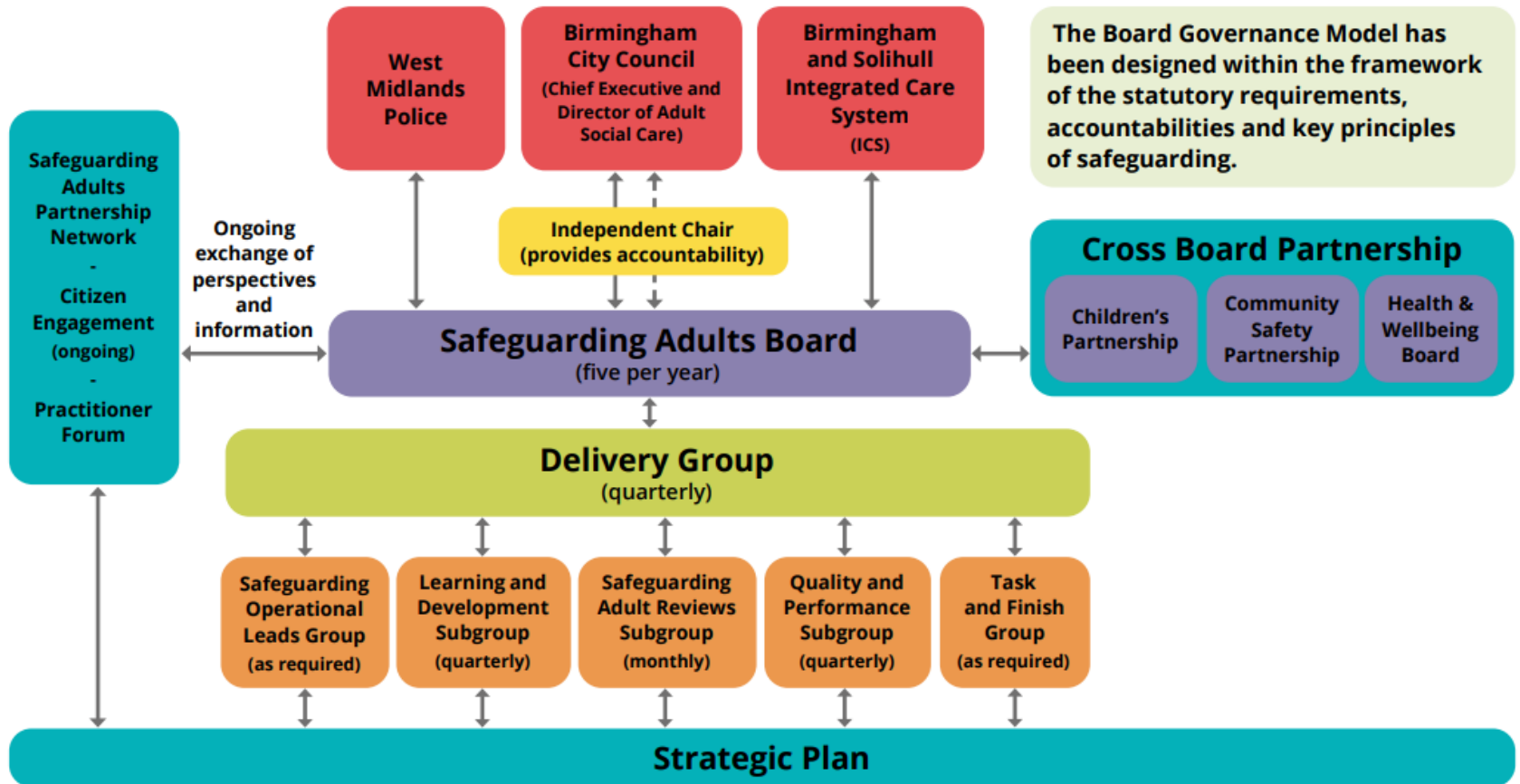
Who is on the Board?

- Birmingham City Council – Adult Social Care
- West Midlands Police
- Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System (ICS)
- Birmingham City Council – City Housing
- Birmingham City Council – Public Health
- Healthwatch Birmingham
- West Midlands Fire Services
- Voluntary Sector Representation – Women Acting in Today's Society (WAITS)
- Birmingham Community Healthcare Foundation Trust
- Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust



How it all fits

BSAB's board structure

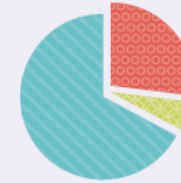
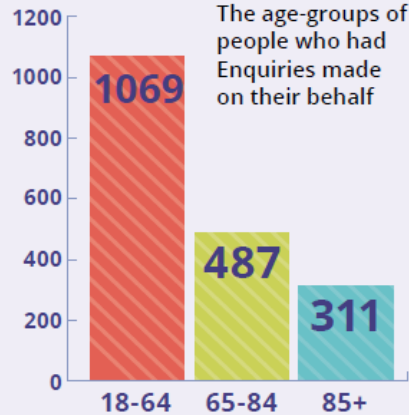


Key Safeguarding Facts

856,108
adults live in
Birmingham



150,892
are aged 65 and over



61%
656 concluded Enquiries listed the source of risk as someone known to the person at risk

30%
319 concluded Enquiries involved service providers

9%
95 concluded Enquiries listed the source of risk as someone not known to the person at risk

9%
Increase in the number of Concerns raised, up from 11,861 last year

122%
Increase in the number of Enquiries started, up from 834 last year



424
Enquiries involved allegations of neglect



259
Enquiries involved alleged physical abuse



624
Abuse or neglect occurred in the person at risk's home

1019 White British
531 Black and Minority Ethnic
People had safeguarding enquiries made on their behalf

By **Concern** we mean the reporting and responding stage in the safeguarding process under the Care Act 2014.

By **Enquiry** we mean the planning and undertaking of the enquiry stage in the safeguarding process under the Care Act 2014.

How do we seek Assurance?

BSAB Assurance overview



Partners

What partner agencies told us in partnership meetings and in their annual statements.



Citizens Voice

What the people of Birmingham told us about their experiences.



Reports

Executive Board and Subgroup reports on a range of themes.



Data and Intelligence

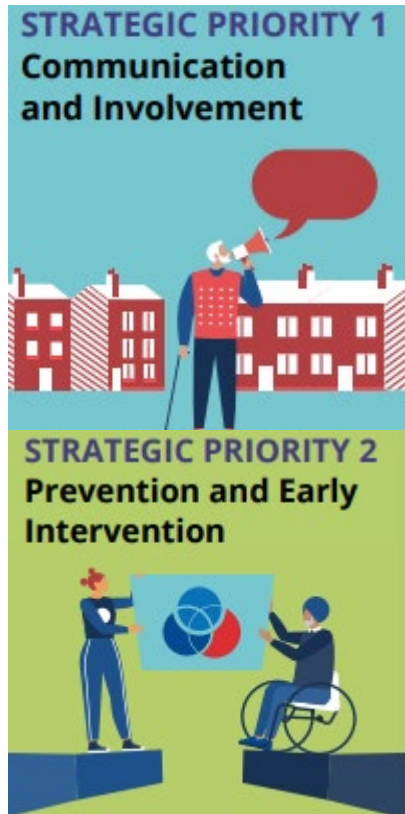
What we know from the data we collect and interpret.

Progress and Achievements of the Board

- 4 key priorities in 2022/23:



Progress and Achievements of the Board



- We updated our media platforms, sharing our messages around safeguarding.
 - Our publications and information on the website are updated and relevant.
 - We updated and circulated web-based materials to inform professionals and citizens on safeguarding.
- Sought assurances on how Partners are supporting Citizens with Care and Support Needs.
 - Strengthen our partnerships with Children's Board, Community Safety, Health and Well-Being and Place Boards.
 - Continue to work sharing and learning from regional and national counterparts.

Progress and Achievements of the Board

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)



- Shared learning from Citizens Stories at each Board
- Held several Practitioner-Forums with Partner-Agencies to share learning and development.
- Sought assurances and evidence from partners on how MSP has been embedded in their practices.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Learning through Development and Assurance



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What about our Partner Organisations?

There were a lot of achievements made within the partnership. A few examples:

- Safer Recruitment – seeing a commitment to safeguarding in careers and job information.
- Taking a *think-family-approach* within training.
- Sharing learning and development with the GP Safeguarding Network.
- Developed internal communication systems.
- Regular audits undertaken.
- Quarterly Safeguarding Champions Days.
- Working with Early-Help-Hubs to ensure Right-Help-Right-Time-Assessment.



Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)



We have continued to seek assurances from our partners on how they are “Making Safeguarding Personal” in their organisations and how MSP has continued to be implemented in their organisations.

We have also continued to ensure that MSP is threaded in all that we do.

You will see in the Annual Report example of this as well as cases studies in the words of Partners.

Future Priorities 2023 -24

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 Communication and Involvement



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: Making Safeguarding Personal



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 Prevention and Early Intervention



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Learning through Development and Assurance

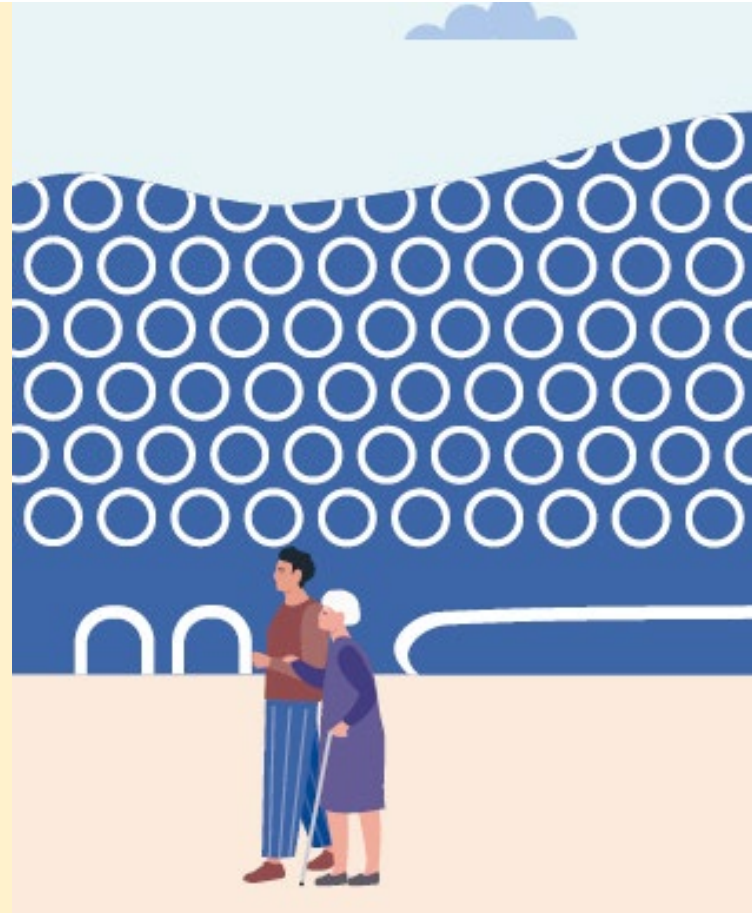


“ We will also
be working
on developing
Priorities for
the future
Strategic Plan.”



Key Areas we are working on 2023-24

- Task and Finish group about Safeguarding Adults Concerns.
- Updating Safeguarding Adults Concern Information for Professional.
- Review Data Collection.
- Seeking Assurance regarding Safeguarding Audits.
- Reviewing our Governance and Membership.
- Planning Spring Safeguarding Adults Conference: With a focus on *Trauma Informed Practices*.



Thank You
More Information available on our
website:

<https://www.bsab.org/>

