

Safeguarding team profile

Who is in Safeguarding Team?

The Safeguarding Team is made up of the Head of Safeguarding, Team Manager, Minute Taker, Business Support Officer, Safeguarding Adults Board Business Manager and Workforce Development Trainer.

What does your team do?

In the Safeguarding Team we:

- Attend a Safeguarding Adults Board. This is a multiagency board that sets out strategic priorities for safeguarding and produces an annual report. This Board sets the law. Every council has a Board
- Follow the strategic priorities that the Board sets such as personalisation or person centred safeguarding. We then run training, events and audits to meet that goal
- Collect data and safeguarding forms, while keeping an eye out for any alerts
- Work with Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) to manage the risks of offenders on being released from prison
- Run a Service User Forum, which consists of service users who help us make sure safeguarding materials (such as leaflets) are appropriate
- Conduct 4 audits a year. 2 of them will be by an external auditor and 2 will be a peer audit. We do this to check the quality of work. This work now links with the Quality and Practice Team. From the audits we will set up training to support staff.
- Mentor in safeguarding if people need 1-1 support
- Hold safeguarding practice forums. People can bring along cases or anything about safeguarding that can be learnt
- Attend the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). This is a domestic violence conference that meets once a month. Any cases that involve domestic violence we take to the Board and ask what MARAC recommend
- Take minutes at important safeguarding meetings. We make sure we work according to the safeguarding procedures and are framed by multi agency policy and procedures. These make sure we follow the correct guidelines.
- Support with risk panel. These are very high risk cases that might not be safeguarding but may be extremely high risk
- Support our Providers to deal with any concerns

Who do you work with regularly?

We work with anyone that is working on a safeguarding case such as Locality Teams, Urgent Response Team, Hospital Team, Mental Health Team, Care Quality Team and Social Care Direct. We work closely with Quality in Practice.

We work with health managers, a group of partners from the police, fire brigade, mental health representatives, Clinical Commissioning Group and housing and

sometimes other councils.

Where do you fit into the customer journey?

We can fit into the customer journey at any point. As we oversee any safeguarding we could be the first point of contact or the last. We can also be involved at any point during a complex safeguarding case too.

Anything else you would like your colleagues to know about your team?

We do not accept direct safeguarding referrals. All referrals must go through Social Care Direct.

One of our team used to write Mills and Boon books

We have never lost a Rounder's March!