



Gloucestershire
Safeguarding Adults
Board

What is the GSAB About?

Safeguarding is everyone's business

From 1st April 2015 safeguarding adults is now based on a legal framework for the first time and all councils are required to have a Safeguarding Adults Board.

The Safeguarding Adults Board is not solely responsible for all safeguarding arrangements in Gloucestershire. The Board has a coordinating role but is not accountable for operational work.

The Board's role is to exercise oversight and assurance in respect of safeguarding arrangements, some of which may be developed and led by others.

The Safeguarding Board itself is made up of senior managers from a wide range of partners and agencies, including the voluntary and community sector.

The Board is led by Paul Yeatman who is the Independent Chair. Under his leadership the Board supports continual improvement in the work of all agencies responsible for safeguarding 'adults at risk' in Gloucestershire.

The Board makes sure safeguarding policies are in place, communicates the need to safeguard adults at risk, evaluates the effectiveness of what is being done by Board partners and makes sure lessons are learnt from Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

It is well recognised that safeguarding is complex, challenging and sensitive work, and is never more so than when an individual dies or is seriously harmed through abuse or neglect.

The Board has a Management Committee which oversees the work of the Boards sub groups. The Management Committee feeds information up to the Board and also takes information, ideas and concerns from the Board and considers which sub group/s should be responsible for any actions.



What are the GSAB Priorities?

As part of the statutory functions, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board has the following 5 strategic priorities throughout the year:

Empowerment:

To give individuals relevant and clear information about recognising abuse, how to report it and the choices available

Listen to the voice of people who have experienced the safeguarding process as a way of learning how to improve our safeguarding services



Protection and Prevention

Support people to report signs of abuse and we will respond and take actions to reduce risk and prevent further abuse occurring.

Ensure our workforce and wider community have the appropriate knowledge, skills and confidence to protect adults at risk.

Partnership

Have effective multi agency partnership arrangements and information sharing agreements

Proportionality

Make sure professionals work in the best interests of adults at risk and only get involved as much as needed

Leadership, Accountability and Governance

The Board and all partners know what is expected of them and that lines of accountability are clear

The Sub Groups

Safeguarding Adults Review – Advises the Board when a SAR should be considered and manages the process

Workforce Development - Develops our workforce and multi agency training

Communication & Engagement – Makes sure that safeguarding messages and learning are shared

Policy & Procedure – Develops and reviews policies and procedures

Audit - Evaluates work done by GSAB partners to safeguard adults at risk

Fire Safety Development - Helps prevent and reduce risk of harm to adults living in their own homes or in residential care